



# Name Above All Names Leader Guide

This guide will assist you in preparing for and facilitating six weekly meetings as your group moves through the Name Above All Names Study.

Each group session is outlined and includes a focus passage, a few discussion questions, prayer prompts, an ice breaker, and a song. Use as much or as little of this guide as you wish for your weekly meetings. This guide is merely here to help you get started.

As the group leader, here are some things to keep in mind as you prepare and lead each week:

- set a date and time and stick to it
- be consistent in meeting
- have food if it's appropriate, but keep it simple (people love snacks!)
- be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit
- build relationship with your group members between meetings
- keep the group on track during the meeting
- spend time preparing for the lesson each week
- be sure to assign what lessons the group will read during the week
- work through the leader guide reading and discussion questions yourself
- spend time in prayer before the group, asking God for direction, for his Spirit to move in the hearts of the group members, and to guide the discussion when you all come together

## session 1:

Session 1: Getting together--establish expectations and meeting time, read Introduction and Bible Study Basics sections.

Session 2: Why names matter--Isaiah 9 discussion about the names of Jesus and why they matter.

Session 3: Jesus our foundation--Psalm 27 discussion about how Jesus is a sure foundation no matter what season we are walking in

Session 4: We can trust Jesus' authority--John 6:22-69 discussion about his Lordship over our lives

Session 5: Jesus is our path-paver--Psalm 16 discussion of how the Lord makes a way and we can trust him to lead us into what's next.

Session 6: Staying connected with Jesus

Session 7: Getting personal with Jesus--Psalm 139

Session 8: Reflection and Celebration--Discussion of the day 31 reflection questions

## session 1:

Theme: Getting Started

*\*\*Even if you don't plan on having snacks at future meetings, sharing a meal or having snacks for this kick off session is a great idea!*

*The purpose of this meeting is to get together and establish expectations and get to know each other a bit before you dig in. If you are studying with a group that is already established you can skip this session. Just make sure people read the introduction and Bible Study Basics sections*

Ice Breaker: 2 truths and a lie. Each person in the group takes a turn sharing three things about themselves--2 things are true, one is not. The rest of the group must figure out which one is the lie.

Read: As a group read through the Introduction and Bible Study Basics sections of the study together.

Plan: Fill out this group plan for when and where you will meet

Our group will meet from (start time) \_\_\_\_\_ to (end time) \_\_\_\_\_

We will meet on (day) \_\_\_\_\_

We will meet at (place) \_\_\_\_\_

snack sign ups (optional)

week 1:

week 2:

week 3:

week 4:

week 5:

week 6:

Assign Reading for next week: Lessons 1-5

Closing Prayer: Take time to pray for each woman by name as they embark on this study.

## session 2:

Theme: Why Names Matter

Ice Breaker: Give everyone space to talk about the meaning of their name. Is there any significance to why they have that name? Or is there a nickname that is special to them?

Discussion:

1. What stuck out to you from this week's reading?
2. What name of Jesus meant the most to you and why?
3. How did God speak to you this week?

Read: Isaiah 9:2-7

Discussion:

1. This passage is about Jesus. What makes or descriptions of him are in this passage and what do they reveal about him?
2. Jesus has so many names (as we'll continue to discover in this study). Why do you think that is?
3. Why do you think it matters that we know these names of Jesus?

Worship in song (optional): What A Beautiful Name - Hillsong

Assign Reading for next week: Lessons 6-10

Closing Prayer: Take time to ask God to reveal the importance of his names and to know him in those ways. Prompt group members to address the Lord by using the name that most impacted them this week.

## session 3:

Theme: Jesus our sure foundation

Ice Breaker: What is one thing you are celebrating this week?

Discussion:

1. What stuck out to you from this week's reading?
2. What name of Jesus meant the most to you and why?
3. How did God speak to you this week?

Read: Psalm 27

Discussion:

1. What words or phrases from this psalm describe Jesus as a firm and trustworthy foundation?
2. David, the author of this psalm, is describing a lot of hard things. How is he pressing into Jesus in the hard things?
3. Think about your life right now. What hard things are you facing? What does this psalm remind you about Jesus when it comes to facing hard times?

Worship in song (optional): Your Name Is Power - Rend Collective

Assign Reading for next week: Lessons 11-15

Closing Prayer: Pray for the person to your left. Lift up the hard things they shared that they are facing, and pray some of the words of today's passage over them. Ask Jesus to show himself as a strong foundation.

## session 4:

Theme: Trusting Jesus' authority

Ice Breaker: Share about a time when you felt weak or incapable and someone stepped in to help you.

Discussion:

1. What stuck out to you from this week's reading?
2. What name of Jesus meant the most to you and why?
3. How did God speak to you this week?

Read: John 6:22-69

Discussion:

1. This was one of the passages we studied this week. Why do you think this passage is so important when it comes to remembering who Jesus is?
2. What does Jesus' declaration that he is the bread imply/reveal about his authority?
3. In what ways are you allowing Jesus to have authority over your life? Are there any areas you are struggling to give up that control?

Worship in song (optional): "Enough" by Chris Tomlin

Assign Reading for next week: Lessons 16-20

Closing Prayer: Invite Jesus to have authority over your life. Confess the areas you are still trying to control and release those to him. Make that claim along with the disciples that you're not going anywhere.

## session 5:

Theme: Jesus is our path-paver

Ice Breaker: How have you encountered God this week?

Discussion:

1. What stuck out to you from this week's reading?
2. What name of Jesus meant the most to you and why?
3. How did God speak to you this week?

Read: Psalm 16

Discussion:

1. Look at verse 6 again? In what ways have the boundary lines of your life fallen in good places, and what do you think that phrase means?
2. Verse 10 and 11 provide a promise. When you are in the midst of trying to determine your path, how does it feel to know that God will not abandon you? How are you finding peace in his presence?
3. When did you seek the Lord for direction? How did he answer? What kind of direction are you seeking him for now?

Worship in song (optional): Confident by Steffany Gretzinger

Assign Reading for next week: Lessons 21-25

Closing Prayer: Take time to pray over those places where the group is seeking for direction. If your group is big enough, split off in pairs and ask Jesus to pave a path.

## session 6:

Theme: Staying connected to Jesus

Ice Breaker: Share one high and one low from the last week

Discussion:

1. What stuck out to you from this week's reading?
2. What name of Jesus meant the most to you and why?
3. How did God speak to you this week?

Read: Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-37, John 12:1-8

Discussion:

1. Whenever we see Mary, she is sitting at Jesus' feet. How do you think this posture effected her relationship with Jesus?
2. Martha always gets a bad rap for her service in the first passage, yet in this second one she is serving and there is no issue. What do you think changed for Martha in her relationship with Jesus?
3. In what ways are you positioning yourself at Jesus' feet or seeking to stay connected to him?

Worship in song (optional): Build My Life by Pat Barrett

Assign Reading for next week: Lessons 26-30

Closing Prayer: Pray a prayer of blessing over the group today. Ask Jesus to come near. Ask him to teach us how to sit at his feet, to stay connect, and enjoy simply being in relationship with him.



## session 7:

Theme: Getting personal with Jesus

Ice Breaker: What passage of scripture do you often visit for comfort or direction?

Discussion:

1. What stuck out to you from this week's reading?
2. What name of Jesus meant the most to you and why?
3. How did God speak to you this week?

Read: Psalm 139

Discussion:

1. The NASB version of the Bible translates verse 3 as "You scrutinize my path and my lying down, And are intimately acquainted with all my ways." What does it mean to you that God is intimately acquainted with all your ways?
2. Verses 13-18 are pretty powerful. These words can both expose and comfort. Which do you feel when you read them and why?
3. God likes to get pretty personal with us, but too often we hold him at arms length. In what things is God inviting you to talk with him about, but you keep putting him off?

Worship in song (optional): Anchor by Bethel Worship

Assigned Reading: Day 31

Closing Prayer: Use this psalm as your closing prayer today. Allow the space to get quite and take turns reading verses aloud and offering up your own words to God.

## session 8:

Theme: Celebrate and reflect

Icebreaker: Gather together and get a picture of all of you to remember this season of seeking the Lord (and if you want you can email Jazmin a copy too at [jazmin.forhisglory@gmail.com](mailto:jazmin.forhisglory@gmail.com) so she can celebrate with you too!

This session will be different from the others. Make plans ahead of time to come together around food. Share a meal together and as you eat give space for group members to share their responses to this final section of study.

Discussion: Reflection questions from Day 31

Worship in song (optional): Yes I Will by Vertical Worship

Closing prayer: Open the group in prayer and then leave space for group members to jump in with their own prayers. Pray for each other's needs. Pray prayers of worship and gratitude to God for how he moved through this study. Ask for his guidance about where to go and what to study next as a group if your group plans to keep meeting.