

## The With-God Journey

A Powerful  
Re-visioning  
of Holy  
Relationship



# Leader Guide The With-God Journey

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## Preparation

1. Decide how to watch the video in class. There are three ways to watch the video.
  - Streaming – Recommended when you control the Internet access, such as at home, or when you expect light competing traffic on the WiFi.
  - Download – Recommended when you do not have control of Internet access and have more competing traffic on the WiFi.
  - DVD – Recommended when you have a DVD player and have a good setup to connect to a monitor.
2. Prepare the video.
  - Streaming – Visit <https://www.ceciltaylorministries.com/resources-the-with-god-journey> and access the video via the video player underneath “Streaming Version.”
  - Download – Visit <https://www.ceciltaylorministries.com/resources-the-with-god-journey> and download the zip file underneath “Download Version.”
  - DVD – The DVD should have been given to you or has been ordered and is on the way. If the DVD has not been ordered, please contact Cecil@CecilTaylorMinistries.com.
3. Watch the video. Here is a synopsis:

- The video starts with Cecil's assertion that the word "with" may be the most important preposition to God.
- He then walks through the Biblical emphasis on the word "with" in God's most important interactions with us, and how the Holy Spirit is the person of the Trinity most "with" us at this time.
- The video continues with a look at five roles of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- Cecil then compares a "with" mindset to a "for" or "to" mindset, which implies distance from God, while a "with" mindset implies the presence of God.
- The video completes with Cecil's optimism that adopting a "with" mindset can revolutionize our faith journeys.

4. Prepare for discussion by reviewing the questions below.

## Class Time

### Step 1. Introduction

Let the class know that you're studying today a one-week lesson that shares an new thought for how we can experience a closer relationship with God in all our endeavors.

### Step 2. Watch the video (9 minutes)

### Step 3. Discussion (Target Time: 25-35 minutes)

**MAIN DISCUSSION GOALS:** The group should emerge, being able to apply mindset "With-God" in their own lives. Be sure to ask question #5, and use as many of the six questions as time and interest permit.

#### Questions:

1. How do you view God – as present or distant?
2. How do you assess the "for" and "to" mindsets? Do you agree or disagree that they make God seem more distant?
3. What does it mean to you that God is always desiring to be present with you? Does this cause you to see your relationship with God differently?
4. How do you imagine an ideal with-God life? What would that look like?

5. What is a way that you can apply the “with” mindset in your faith life today?
6. Cecil did not address the preposition “through,” but that is a powerful idea as well. How would “through” influence the way you approach your faith journey?
7. What other thoughts do you have about this lesson?

## Follow-up

After using this material, please consider Cecil Taylor Ministries for future lessons on developing practical faith. The following links may be useful:

- <https://www.CecilTaylorMinistries.com> – Home page that is the launch point for finding more information and for signing up for a free monthly newsletter containing tips for group members and updates on the ministry.
- <https://www.CecilTaylorMinistries.com/free-content> - Offers links to the Practical Faith Academy podcast, regular blogs, and more resources designed to help Christians live a seven-day practical faith.
- <https://www.CecilTaylorMinistries.com/lessons> - Learn here about all the options for lesson content currently available from Cecil Taylor Ministries.
- <https://www.CecilTaylorMinistries.com/for-church-organizers> - Learn here about options to help your church, such as speaker services and retreat services.