

**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday while diving deeper into God's word.**

1. *What is your greatest ever performance? How did it make you feel?*
2. *Have you ever known someone who was completely unpleasable? How did you deal with them? How did they affect you?*
3. *What insight, observation, or principle from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, insightful, or troubling? Explain.*

**This week we learned about Jesus' last words on the cross. Jesus' final declaration of "It is finished," sets Christians free from a life of performance and the circle of pride. When we shift from basing our identity on our performance to Jesus we are free to live "the finished" life.**

Read Psalm 139:1-24. *What insights, observations, or principles from this text do you find most helpful, insightful, or troubling? Explain.*

- *What does Psalm 139 tell us about God's presence in our lives?*

- *What does Psalm 139:17-18 tell us about God's thoughts? How does this affect your self-esteem?*

- *Do you find it difficult to truly believe God's love for you? Why do you think this is? How would your life change if you were able to fully accept and believe in God's love for you?*

- *This week we learned three things that keep us from experiencing "the finished" life that Jesus has for us. Which one of the three things do you struggle with the most?*

***Digging Deeper***

- *Ask God to search your heart. Where is your self-worth coming from? If not from Him, what are the things you've put in place of God?*

- *Is there a bold step that Jesus is asking you to take in order to fulfill the great commission (Matthew 28: 18-20)? What is it and how will you go about it?*

- *What exactly will you do differently this week to apply what you learned from this text to your life? Be specific.*

# Living the Finished Life

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**John 19:30(NIV)** *30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit..*

"It is finished," is the most encouraging Verse, yet the most difficult to apply.

## 1. Only Jesus' sacrifice truly sets us free.

**1 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NIV)** *3 I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. 4 My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.*

## Three things that keep us from experiencing "the finished" life

### 1. Other Peoples Opinions

**Luke 14:26 (NIV)** *26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.*

### 2. Man made institutions

**Mark 2:16 (NIV)** *16 When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"*

### 3. Our own view of ourselves

The problem with the performance driven life is the circle of pride.

Without God, the human spirit is...

1. desolate.
2. aching.
3. occupied.
4. weak.

## How to experience "the finished" life

**Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)** *18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

1. **Serve Others.**
2. **Talk About Jesus.**
3. **Need Jesus.**