

**Session # 5** (32 min) **Please come near but stay away** Pages 6,7 of the work book

If you have not already taken the “God-view Test” (p. 7) do so now before the discussion time.  
The instructions are at the top of the page.

What in this session stuck out to you as most significant?

Why do you think that believers are so often discouraged?  
Have you been discouraged in your Christian life?  
What are some of the reasons for the discouragement?

How might our “focus” affect the experience of discouragement?

How does the concept that “sin is not the problem, my focus is the problem” change the way that you approach problems?  
What are some practical things that might result from this shift in understanding?

Biblical obedience is simply a demonstration of my love for and trust in God.  
Do you agree or disagree with this statement?  
How might this change our view of obeying God in the church?

Share some of your answers to your God-view questions with the group.  
Don’t be ashamed of “negative” answers and don’t feel the need to “create” answers  
(negative or positive).

What do the results of your “God-view Test” reveal about your emotional view of God?  
Do any of the emotional God-views on page 8 resonate with you?  
Why do you think this is so? What do you feel some of the sources of this view are?  
What areas do you feel God is either trying to change or improve?

Terry Little mentioned God bringing him to a “Wow” moment in which God showed him something that took him to another place in his view of God.  
Have you ever had one of these and would you be willing briefly to share it with this group?

How can the group pray for you in light of this session?