

Sermon Discussion Guide

CONNECT

5-10 minutes

After reviewing the four rules of group discussion, begin your time with some connection questions to foster biblical community.

Personal Connection:

- What were your "highs" and "lows" this week?
- Last week, you mentioned _____. Can you give us an update?

Spiritual Connection:

- What has your time with God looked like recently?
- Where have you specifically seen God's work in your life lately?

GROW

20-30 minutes

Start the discussion by giving a brief overview of the **SERMON**. Ask everyone to look up the main passage in their own Bible or Bible app. Use the following questions to guide your discussion:

Reflect:

- What was your main takeaway from the sermon?
- What scripture spoke to you?
- What insights did you gain about God, humanity, and your personal life?
- How did this sermon challenge or reinforce your current beliefs?
- Do you have a life experience that relates to the sermon's message?

Dig Deeper:

- What aspects of the sermon were familiar, challenging, or thought-provoking?
- Where does the key passage fit into the Bible's grand narrative (use the 3 circle gospel drawing for reference)?
- What cultural or historical details might the original audience have understood that differ from our understanding today?
- What are some cross-references to this passage that are present in other areas of the Bible?
- What theological themes were highlighted in the sermon?

Take Action:

- How would you describe the sermon to someone who wasn't there?
- How would you explain the sermon to a child?
- What specific action will you take this week based on the sermon's message and our discussion?

SHARE

5-10 minutes

Transition into a time of discussing how to live out what you learned by sharing with others:

- What is your main takeaway from our discussion? Who is one person you will share this with this week?
- How have you recently used your gifts to serve your family, our church, and our community?
- Who can you invite to church or our small group?
- How can you bless someone in your circle of influence?
- Are there any opportunities for our group to reach out to our community this week?

PRAY

5-10 minutes

Enter a time of prayer by considering the following questions:

- What is your plan for spiritual growth this week?
- What challenges do you anticipate this week?
- What personal prayer requests do you have for the week?

Take note of each person's requests. Spend some time praying for each other. Encourage those who may be hesitant to pray out loud.

