



Discussion Guidelines

The **Sermon Discussion** questions are designed to help facilitate the small group conversation to focus on application of God’s word based on the sermon. We live in a day where bible information is rampant yet we are having little to no impact on our culture and society. What we lack is the application of the bible information in our lives (James 1:22-25). These questions will help your small group create a context for people to share, change and grow together. Remember, there’s level ground at the foot of the cross and we have more in common with each other than we do with Jesus. Be gracious and known for your love for one-another (John 13:34-35; Galatians 6:1-2).

Sermon Discussion

- **Read John 16:32 – 17:26 and Review** the Sermon Outline and the main points.

Three Goals in Life:

1. Live for God’s Glory (v1)
2. Stay Focused on God’s Mission (v15-19)
 - a. We are not from this world
 - b. We are to be sanctified
 - c. We are sent with the message of the gospel
3. Take Care to Live Like God’s People (v21)



- **Reflect and Ruminare:** *Of the main points given in the sermon, which one(s) resonated with you the most and what is your manner of life in relation to these things?*
 1. What are some things that you can do to remind you to live for God's glory every day?
 2. How could waking up thinking, "I'm a sent one today" change your perspective in life, esp., as it relates to your current trial or "tribulation" v16:33?
 3. What comes to your mind when you realize that Jesus prayed for us over 2,000 years ago to have "unity for the sake of the mission" (v17:21)?
- **Replace:** *Based on what you shared above, is there something God is calling you to repent of and change as a result of the sermon? (Eph 4:22-23).*
 1. Is there an area of your life where you've "blown it" in living for yourself vs. God's glory?
 2. How are you doing at pursuing Christian unity and love in your family relationships? Is there something that happened this past week that you wish you could do differently?
 3. What's something that's tempting you to live for your "best life here and now" vs the reality that God has promised us heaven in heaven?
- **Renew:** *What practical step(s) of obedience could you implement in your life this week as it relates to the area of your life you want to change? (Eph 4:24).*
 1. What spiritual discipline do you need to apply to your life on a more consistent basis?
 2. What's one change in your life that you could make to help you embrace "being a sent one?"
 3. Read 1 Cor 13:4-8. What aspect of love do you need to apply in your life as it relates to your most difficult relationships in life?
- **Request:** *How can the group can pray for and encourage you this week in regards to these things. (Gal 6:2; Heb 10:24-25).*
 1. In the world, you will have tribulation but take heart; I have overcome the world (16:33). How does believing that Jesus has overcome the world give you hope in your current trial?
- **Remember:** *It's easy to forget how the Gospel applies to your life. Your identity in Christ is greater than any sin committed against or by you.*
 1. How can you apply the gospel in your current circumstances and situation in life as a result of the sermon? (Galatians 2:20; 2 Cor12:9-10).
 2. Consider memorizing 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 as a small group.