



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.
- **Reflect and Ruminare:** *Of the main points given in the sermon (below), which one(s) resonated with you the most? What is your manner of life in relation to these things?*



- **We're not home yet...so if we're going to make the most of our time here, we need to have a "same team" mentality in life & ministry (John 17:11; 20-23).**
 - **We're on the same team if we are united in our...**
 - **AIM** – the glory of God (John 17:1,4,5; 1 Cor. 10:31)
 - **ASSIGNMENT** – reaching people with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ! (John 17:2-4,6; 18,21)
 - **ALLEGIANCE** – God's sufficient, powerful, living and active Word! (John 17:8,14,26)
- **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).*
 - Why do we think so infrequently about the glory of God?
 - Do we compartmentalize it to certain times & places?
 - Are we unaware that we can seek to glorify God in everything we do? (1 Cor. 10:31)
 - What distracts you from living "on assignment" to reach others with the Gospel? What personal missions, desires, or kingdoms do you prioritize over God's?
 - What areas in your life reveal a lack of allegiance to God's Word? What do you find easier or more appealing to share with others than the grace and truth of Jesus Christ from His Word?
- **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).*
 - What can you do tomorrow to bring the glory of God to your mind more often?
 - What can you do to make it a theme of your overall life instead of something that's reserved for certain times and places?
 - What difference would it make in your life if you were more conscious of the mission we're on as Christians, but specifically as Grace Fellowship Church (namely, to reach people with the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ)?
 - What step can you take to make yourself more aware of our "assignment"?
- **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).*
 - Pray the Lord would unite us as a church as we seek to live with a common aim (the glory of God), a common assignment (reaching others with the Gospel), and a common allegiance (the Word of God).
- **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).

