

# Discipleship Group

## STAND IN THE GAP Group Study

Message Link : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoMshv4RnV4>

This sermon called ‘Stand in the Gap’ is a charge to respond to the call in Ezekiel 22:30 where God searched for someone to “stand in the gap” and found none. The picture is of a wall broken down — leaving the people exposed and vulnerable. God longed for someone who would step into that place of weakness to intercede, protect, and lead with courage. On Father’s Day, Ps Dan reminded us that our world is filled with advice, but what we’re truly starving for is *fathering*—people willing to take responsibility, step into the hard places, and model the heart of God. Standing in the gap is not just for fathers, but for every follower of Jesus. It means being willing to pray, to protect, to sacrifice, and to lead when others step back. Where there is brokenness or compromise, Jesus calls His people to step forward in faith and courage.

### Key Scriptures

- **Ezekiel 22:30 (NLT)** – “I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap...but I found no one.”
- **Nehemiah 4:14 (NIV)** – “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”
- **1 Corinthians 16:13 (NIV)** – “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.”

### Key Takeaways:

- **We are drowning in advice but starving for fathering** — our world needs presence, responsibility, and love in action.
- **Gaps are dangerous places** — without someone to step in, people remain vulnerable to harm, compromise, or drift.
- **Standing in the gap requires courage** — it costs comfort, but it reflects the heart of God to protect, provide, and intercede.
- **This is a call for all believers** — whether you’re a parent, mentor, leader, or friend, you can step into the gap for someone else.
- **Jesus is the ultimate gap-stander** — He interceded for us on the cross and continues to stand for us today.

### Discussion Questions

1. What images or phrases from Ezekiel 22:30 stand out to you most?



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- *Follow-up:* What do they reveal about God's heart for His people?
- 2. **Why do you think God says He found no one willing to stand in the gap?**
  - *Follow-up:* What might stop us today from stepping into that responsibility?
- 3. **Ps Dan said, "We're drowning in advice but starving for fathering."**
  - *Follow-up:* What's the difference between giving advice and truly standing in the gap for someone?
- 4. **Where do you see 'gaps' in your own world — places of need, vulnerability, or brokenness?**
  - *Follow-up:* How might God be calling you to step into those places?
- 5. **How does seeing Jesus as the One who stood in the ultimate gap (through the cross) give us courage to stand for others?**
  - *Follow-up:* How can you practically reflect His example this week?

## Tips for This Discussion

- **Be Encouraging:** Some people may feel unworthy or ill-equipped — remind them God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.
- **Be Honest:** Gaps in families, friendships, or churches can feel heavy — allow space for people to acknowledge where they see them.
- **Focus on Jesus:** He is our model and strength for standing in the gap.
- **Respect Different Roles:** Not everyone is a father, but everyone can carry a "fathering spirit" of care, protection, and responsibility.
- **Call to Action:** Encourage everyone to think of one person or area where they can step into the gap this week.

## GROUPS PRAYER POINTS

### Pray for each other's personal journey as a disciple and discipleship in our church

- Being in the presence of Jesus, becoming more like Jesus and continuing the work He did.

### Pray for the Holy Spirit's presence

- That we would be led, filled and empowered to live surrendered, love God and serve others.

### Pray for Expansion

- That we would be hungry for the harvest – that as Ps Dan shared at team night we might commit to labouring together in weakness, in unity and in the power of the Spirit
- That there would be favour on the build team as we create more space for more people
- That hearts would be softened towards the Gospel and that many would accept Jesus and find home at LIFE

