

SERMON-BASED LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

START WITH AN ICEBREAKER

It's always a good idea to start with an icebreaker to help people make the transition into group time and feel comfortable sharing. You can use a resource like the Story Cards to help as well.

Here are some possible icebreaker questions:

- If your house was burning down, what three objects would you try and save?
- If you could talk to any one person now living, who would it be and why?
- What's your favorite thing to do in the summer?
- What is something that brought you joy this week?
- If you had this week over again, what would you do differently?
- What book, movie, or video have you seen/read recently that you would recommend?
- If you could do your dream job 10 years from now, what would it be?

Feel free to come up with your own icebreaker question!

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (1-2 QUESTIONS)

- As you reflect on Sunday's message, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
- If that sermon had to be re-delivered, what two points or ideas would you encourage him to include no matter what?
- What's one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
- Was there any one thing that you most agreed or disagreed with from last weekend's message? What was it and why?



DIGGING DEEPER (1-2 QUESTIONS)

- Read [Insert main text from sermon here]
- Reflecting on these verses, what strikes you most? Why?
- What is most challenging in these verses? Encouraging? Why?
- If these verses were applied to our culture today, how would it change?

Each week, we will send out some additional discussion questions based on that week's message. You can ask them here.

APPLICATION

- When and where do you struggle the most with [whatever issue(s) this sermon raised]?
- If you were to incorporate this truth into your own life, how would the next week be different?
- Describe your life 1 year from now if you consistently applied this truth.
- How can we pray for you regarding this issue?

TIPS

We encourage you to customize these questions based on that week's message before you meet. In some cases, these questions will work just as they are written. Sometimes they will serve as inspiration for questions more relevant to the message. Use the questions that work, move on when they don't. It's rare that you will need them all. At least one question from each section is probably a good idea.



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