



fellowship church

Sermon Discussion Guide

May 31, 2026 (Soma Sunday)

Kyle Baldwin - *A Church that Strengthens and Sends* (Hebrews 10:19–25)

Discussion Starter

- Were there any member testimonies during Soma Sunday that you resonated with or that made an impression on you? Which ones, and why?
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Reflection Questions

- Read Hebrews 10:19–25 out loud together with your group. How do all the spiritual blessings in 19–22 connect to the author’s challenges to us in 23–25?
 - How have you seen “stirring one another up to love and good works” (Heb 10:24) happening in this Home Group during your regular weekly meetings?
 - How have you seen this happening *outside* of your regular weekly meetings?
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Application Questions

- Vision Question: *We are a family of disciples on mission.* Kyle shared that the close community we enjoy in Christ is *for* or *unto* a purpose—strengthening and sending out Christ’s people on his mission. Based on the missional opportunities you have in your life right now, how can this community best care for you and support you in those relationships?
- Pastor Stephen challenged our church to engage with young people as they wrestle with taking ownership of their own faith. Do you have any students or young adults in your

life? If so, where are they at with faith? What could it look like for you to engage with them in this season?

- One member shared about the temptation of leaning on coping mechanisms in the midst of the struggles of life and parenthood. She shared that “Satan will take sin or an idol and make it feel like freedom—until you try to stop.” What are some “coping mechanisms” you are tempted to run to? How do we battle against the false promises that these temptations offer us?
- One member shared about the impact of Discipleship Group in bringing growth and change in the early years of her walk with Jesus. Who are the new believers in your life? Have you thought about how God might be calling you to formally or informally pour into them during this time?
 - In your own walk with Jesus, do you have others you can lean on and look to for guidance? How can this group help you find that?

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Tips for Group Leaders

- DO ask open-ended questions. DON'T ask questions where a short "right" answer ends the discussion.
- DO encourage mutual participation by every group member. DON'T feel the need to respond or weigh in after every contribution. Avoid monologuing. As the leader, your goal is to facilitate mutual discussion between all group members (Eph 4:15–16).
- DO ask follow-up questions: "What do you mean by that?" "Tell me more!" "Has anyone else experienced something similar (or different)?"
- DO feel free to pick and choose questions that are a good fit for your group. DON'T feel the need to get through every question, and don't worry if you spend most of your time on a few questions that generate a lot of good discussion.
- DO keep the main thing the main thing. Steer your conversation toward the main theme of the sermon and the biblical text. DON'T get sidetracked on less important matters, theological debates, etc. A rabbit trail might sometimes be worth pursuing—if group members are wrestling deeply with the implications of biblical truth for their lives. Otherwise, steer conversation back to the main topic.
- DO get into the text. It could be helpful to read over the passage together or ask questions directly related to the text. Help group members engage the text for themselves and respond to what they see there.
- DO revisit important moments from the sermon—a memorable story, an impactful quote, a convicting point of application. "Remember when pastor X talked about Y? What impression did that make on you?"
- DO allow space for reflection, silence, and thoughtful answers. DON'T feel that you need to jump in or ask a new question just because the group has been quiet for a few seconds. A good rule of thumb is to wait until the silence gets awkward, then count silently to ten before jumping in.
- DO bring discussions home to practical, concrete everyday life. DON'T let discussion and application stay in the abstract realm. Steer discussion toward *what does responding to this sermon look like for me?* If comments are vague or general, ask "what would that look like, practically?"