

# Sermon-Based Group Guide

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## VISION

Imagine a group of people in an authentic community, loving each other honestly, covering each other's sins with forgiveness, prayer, confession, and encouragement, serving and supporting each other genuinely. When we dream of a small group of people dwelling together in unity, we begin to see the supernatural work of God within our relationships. Thank you for facilitating life change by hosting or leading a sermon-based small group, our prayer as your pastors is that you would experience God's grace by building a life-giving culture.

## 1. Connect

This is a time to personally connect, introduce yourself and share a bit about who you are. Each week you are together, go a little deeper and more personal. This is a time to catch up from the last time you met and ask about their family, relationships, work, hobbies, and anything they spend time on. This helps our hearts connect so that they can be formed later through the Word and the Presence of God. Everyone wants to belong somewhere.

## 2. Worship

You can take some time and play a few worship songs on a speaker or TV that would facilitate focus on God. Take some time to thank God for who He is; before asking or seeking, just be grateful, and tell your soul that it's time to bless the Lord. (Psalm 103: 1) If you don't have any music, you can turn into worship, use one of the Psalms, and read prayerfully through that. You can pray with an attitude of thanking God for His nature. Psalm 145, 146, 40, 8, 65, 98, and 150.

## 3. Summarize

Take turns summarizing the message in your own words, and allow everyone to participate in translating the message. This is not a personal application yet, only taking turns summarizing the news and building it in its entirety. Make sure you, as a small group leader, are filling in any gaps; the main point, scripture, and the end of the message.

## 4. Personal

This section will allow you to go deeper and be sensitive to God's activity in people's lives. Ask questions and facilitate conversation about the message this past weekend.

- What did you get out of the message, and why?
- Go over the primary scriptures from the message.
- How will this influence your soul (mind, will, heart, and emotions), your work, and your life?
- What is God asking you to be or do based on the message?

## Summary for Groups

Weekend Messages are entrusted to you faithful people to teach others. Focus less on your success and more on leaving a legacy that honors Jesus's Great Commission. This means making Disciples, which are people who strengthen themselves in the LORD, Manage their household well, & Make Disciples. To strengthen yourself in the Lord you need to hear from God and Cling to God. Have consistent devotionals to hear from God and then let what He says refine you. He is refining you for you to carry His destiny for your life. Refining seasons may be difficult and long, but they create breakthroughs, strength, miracle stories, and more.



## Scriptures

2 Timothy 2:2

Psalms 119:28

1 Samuel 30:6,8

Psalms 105:19

James 1:2-4

Job 33:14

Isaiah 40:28-31

## Church Life

Here is a bit about the church life we want you to know about.

### Grace at Prayer

April 24 | 6:00 am - 7:00 am

Southern Pines Campus  
Multi-Purpose Room

## Discussion Questions

1. What stuck out from the message or your devotions?
2. What do you need to change to hear from God more?
3. What are you clinging to God right now regarding? What unfulfilled promises or dreams do you have?
4. What level "weight" does God have you lifting or working up to?

## 5. Application

Take this time to ask what everyone will do with what they heard from the message.

What will you do with what you heard?

What is God asking you to be, and/or do, with what you heard?

## 6. Pray

Pray. Take some time to pray with and for each other.

