

# GENERAL SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE FOR MBC CHURCH GROUPS

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As part of our annual Church Group rhythms at MBC, there will be times when we do not produce a Sermon Discussion Guide. Guides are generally not written during August and December and over some holidays. Please feel free to use this document as a guide for discussing the sermon on those occasions.

## ICE BREAKER QUESTION

What has been one “high” and/or one “low” from your past week?

## SERMON RECAP & PRAYER

Review the main points from the sermon. Take a moment to read the full Scripture passage aloud as a group.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Observation: What does the passage say?*

1. What type of writing is this text? (Law? Poetry or Wisdom? History? A letter? Narrative? Gospels? Apocalyptic?)
2. Are there any clues about the circumstances under which this text was originally written?
3. Are there major sub-sections or breaks in the text that might help the reader understand the focus of the passage?
4. Who is involved in the passage and what do you notice about the specific participants?
5. What actions and events are taking place? What words or themes stand out to you and why?
6. Was there anything about the passage/message that didn't make sense to you?

*Interpretation: What does the passage mean?*

1. How does this text relate to other parts of the Scriptures? (e.g., the surrounding chapters, books, Testament, or Bible)
2. What does this passage teach us about God? About Jesus?
3. How does this passage relate to the gospel?
4. How can we sum up the main truth of this passage in our own words?
5. How did this truth impact the hearers in their day?

*Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?*

1. What challenged you the most from this week's passage? What encouraged you the most?
2. HEAD: How does this passage change your understanding of the Lord? (How does this impact what you think?)
3. HEART: How does this passage correct your understanding of who you are to the Lord? (How should this impact your affections and what you feel?)
4. HANDS: How does this passage change the way you view and relate to others and the world? (How does this impact what you should do?)
5. What is one action you can take this week to respond in surrender and obedience to the Lord?

*Note: Some questions have been adapted from One to One Bible Reading by David Helm*

## HUDDLES

Break into small groups of 3-4 people of the same gender for deeper sharing, accountability, and prayer.