

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of August 29-September 4, 2021

"DIVINE GUIDANCE"

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Share an experience when you reunited with a close friend or family member whom you haven't spoken to or seen in a while. How did you feel during that moment?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read John 15:12-15, Luke 7:34, James 2:23. How do these passages describe the relationship between God and his people? If you were to describe your relationship with God, would you be able to say that he is your friend? What do you consider him to be?
2. In the Bible we know that God speaks and his ways are unlimited - he speaks in an audible voice, in a soft whispers, in signs and wonders, in dreams, in visions, through prophets, kings, and even through a donkey! In what ways have God spoken to you? How did you know it was God and what did you do about it? Did you obey? Disobey? Forgotten about it?
3. Take a moment to reflect on how you experience God. What motivates you to read his Word, what motivates you to serve him, the content of your communication with him? Why do you do the "Christian things" that you do? Are they based on relationship, duty or even self-serving?
4. Read Psalms 139:4,16 and Acts 17:26. What do these passages tell you about God knowing everything? Knowing that God is sovereign, what do you do when things do not go as planned?
5. Read Deuteronomy 29:29 and Psalms 119:105. Why do you think God only shows the next step and not your whole future? Personally, would you want to know what the future holds? How does understanding this process change your posture before God?

6. Do you have a close friend, relative neighbor, or loved one whom you really enjoy spending time with? What are the reasons why you look forward to your meeting? Do you feel the same when you spend time with God? What are the similarities or differences? How can you cultivate your relationship with God?

7. How would you apply this message in your life?

8. NEXT STEPS

The best place to know God's will is to walk closer with him.

- God is my friend who desires to communicate with me in consistently and intimately; I will not take that for granted.
- God is sovereign and he desires for me to know my next steps; I will trust him.
- When God speaks, I will not only listen but also obey by faith.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart that walks closely with God. Pray for sensitivity to discern his will and humility to obey.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

August 30. Colossians 2:1-7

August 31. Psalms 37:23-40

September 1. Psalms 73:23-28

September 2. Luke 2:46-52

September 3. Psalms 103

September 4. Genesis 13:1-18

September 5. Genesis 31:1-21