

SMALL GROUP GUIDES - 2026

MARCH 29TH

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This document has two guides:

1. The first guide is a Bible study that complements the sermon.
2. The second guide is a series of discussion questions that expand on the sermon.

Remember, **you don't have to say every bullet point out loud.** You do not have to ask every question on the discussion guide. These guides are “fatty” on purpose. Cut what is unnecessary or unhelpful. Offer meat to your small group. Do what works best in the time you have available.

Sincerely,
Mitch

SUPPLEMENTAL BIBLE STUDY

Andy mentioned the unity in Christ that Paul described in Galatians 3. Read it out loud for the group to hear. You don't have to ask every question. Pick the ones that work and skip the questions that don't work!

1. Paul is very upset with the Christians in Galatia. What reasons does he give for his frustrations with the church?
2. Paul says that Jesus was “clearly portrayed as crucified.” What do you think he means? (There are many possibilities! Take a guess!)
3. Paul’s questions assume God gave His Spirit and worked miracles among the Galatians. Why do you think God performed signs and wonders at this church?
4. Paul refers multiple times to “works of the law.” Do you think he is referring to obedience to God’s laws? Or about works like circumcision? Or something else?
5. Paul focuses on *belief* in this chapter: believing is the way by which we receive the Spirit, righteousness is credited to us, and miracles happen. Why does God care so much about us putting trust in Him?
6. Those who have faith are children of Abraham. Is it strange to think of yourself as “Abraham’s child”? If so, why? If not, why not?
7. The gospel was announced “in advance” to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3, 18:18, and 22:18). Do you associate the gospel with the Old Testament? Why do you think Paul thought Scripture foresaw the good news in the first book of the Torah?
8. Paul talks at length about *curses*. Jesus became a curse for us on the cross *and yet* redeemed us from the curse of the law. What do you think the *curse* really is?
9. God’s covenant with Abraham was not “set aside” by the later law given at Sinai. Why is it important to see that God’s promises *precede* God’s law?
10. Paul says the law was “added because of transgressions” and was a “guardian.” What does that reveal about the law’s purpose?
11. Why can the law not impart life? Why does it “lock up” some “in custody”?
12. Why does Paul personify faith that has “come” and been “revealed”?
13. Why does Paul refer to all Christians as “sons of God”? Why would that resonate with an audience interested in “heirs” who “inherit”?
14. Why does Paul connect baptism to being “clothed with Christ”?
15. Does our union with Christ *dissolve* our differences? Do we cease to be Jews and Gentiles? Do we cease to be slaves or free? Do we cease to be male or female? How are our traits impacted by baptism?

PRAY FOR GOD TO UNIFY THE CHURCH IN CHRIST

SERMON-BASED DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Andy talked about what made the early Church so special. **Don't try to ask every question on this list.** Focus on what questions are most fitting for your group.

1. Andy showed a statistic that estimated the growth of Christianity from 120 people in 33AD to over 6 million Christians in 300AD.
 - a. What would a non-believer say could explain this growth?
 - b. As believers, what do we think was appealing about the good news?
2. Christ is remembered two thousand years after His crucifixion. What are some reasons why Jesus "should have" been forgotten?
3. What about the *behavior of Christians* was appealing to pagans in the 1st century?
4. Paul called on churches to "greet one another with a holy kiss." Why do you think this was a big deal when masters and slaves were worshiping Jesus together?
5. Andy mentioned Galatians 3:28 – "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." What do you think happens to these traits when we are baptized? Are they meaningless? Do we have a different view of them? What changes?
6. Andy mentioned John 17, when Jesus prayed for Christians to be "one just as the Father is in Jesus and Jesus is in the Father." What is unity, and how should we strive for it?
7. Andy mentioned that the Church has been known for taking care of each other. When have you experienced the Church rallying around you?
8. Christians have also been known for self-sacrifice. When have you seen a Christian sacrifice something for the sake of someone else?
9. Andy quoted a famous verse: since God loved us, we ought to love one another. When is this command most difficult?
10. Andy challenged us to invite guests to Easter. Who could you invite?

PRAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE YOU TO SOMEONE YOU COULD INVITE TO CHURCH