

Group Discussion Guide: Dear Church | July 31, 2022

Begin with Scripture and prayer (5 minutes).

Read Psalm 84 to begin your time together. As we continue in our sermon series, use this passage to make you cognizant of the importance of God's presence, especially its experience in community.

After you have finished reading, have a specified person in the group pray for your time together.

Read Scripture and debrief the sermon (40 minutes).

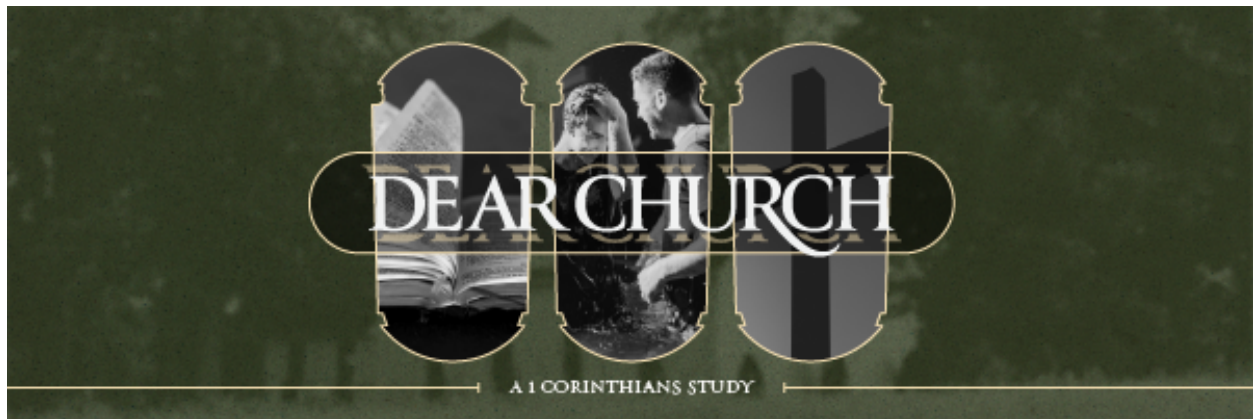
Select a few of these questions to help you discuss through the sermon. You may even come up with a few questions that would be good for your specific group to discuss.

Take a few moments to split off into triads. In those triads, do the following:

- **Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-23.**
- Ask, "What resonated with you from Paul's words here?"
- Ask, "How does this passage relate to what Paul has said so far in his letter to the Corinthians?"
- Ask, "In what ways does this passage specifically challenge *your* personal involvement or disposition towards our church?"

Once finished with those questions, come back together as a large group.

- What stood out from your group's discussions?
- What is something new or fresh from this weekend's sermon that you learned? What from the message challenged you personally?
- Who is the foundation of the church according to Paul in **1 Corinthians 3:11**? What happens if a church gets that wrong?
- Name and describe some other foundations that churches can be tempted to build upon.
- What is the reason churches should always strive to build the right way according to **verse 13**?
- Why is it important that churches be built and led wisely and well according to **verses 16 and 17**?



- What is one way you can get more involved in supporting the church even just this week? Is God inviting you to engage in a deeper way (financially, through serving, etc.)?

Split off into accountability groups (30 minutes).

Take some time to split off men with men and women with women. When you do, talk through the following questions. After each person shares, pray over them.

- How is your relationship with God lately?
- How is it with your soul?
- Is there anything from this message that made you uneasy or made you feel like you have fallen short of what God wants for you and your life? Explain.
- In what ways do you feel attached unhealthily to money and finances? Explain.
- What has your time in Scripture and prayer been like recently?
- Who are you trying to bring to the Lord? Who can this group be praying for?
- How can this group pray for you right now?

Come back together as a large group. Finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.