



Group Discussion Guide: Dear Church | June 12, 2022

Begin with Scripture, silence, and prayer (5 minutes).

Read Psalm 119:33-40 to begin your time together. As we start a new sermon series, we want to orient our hearts and minds to knowing and loving God. Use this Psalm to help you do just that as you get started.

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

Read Scripture and debrief the sermon (45 minutes).

- How would you describe what this weekend's sermon was about?
- What from this sermon resonated with you? What challenged you?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 1:4-9.** From these verses, what specific things do you learn about what God has done, is doing, or will do for His people? List them out as a group.
- Like other letters in the ancient world, Paul begins his letter with thankfulness. And as Dan mentioned, Paul grounds his thankfulness in the reality of God. When you express thanks for something, do you look to God and give Him thanks? Why or why not?
- What might it look like to dig a little deeper and give *God* thanks for the people, events, and things you have in life?
- In his sermon, Dan talked about how the Corinthians (1) received God's grace in Christ Jesus, (2) are amply supplied with gifts of grace in Christ Jesus, and (3) are looking forward to the revelation of Christ Jesus. Which of these three areas do you personally resonate with in your everyday life? Which of these do you spend the least amount of time thinking about? Explain.
- Why is it important for Christians to reflect on God's grace in Jesus? How does **Ephesians 2:1-10** expand on the nature of God's grace for us?
- Why is it important for Christians to reflect on God's gracious gifts given in the day to day? How does **Ephesians 1:3-14** expand on these gifts of grace or blessing we have in Christ?
- Why is it important for Christians to reflect on Jesus' return one day? Read **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**, **Matthew 24:45-51**, and **Hebrews 9:27-28** and consider how they expand on the nature of Christ's return.
- What is one main takeaway you have from this message or passage of Scripture?



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 on behalf of the requests that were shared.