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Let's Talk

Small Group Sermon Discussion

Leading any discussion can be daunting, especially if there isn't a clearly defined outline. Some leaders love doing their own thing and others like some guidance. Here are a few suggestions to create a great sermon series discussion.

1. **Start with an Ice Breaker.** Ice Breakers are a good way to get everyone talking. Check out this link for some great ideas: <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/help-others-grow/leading-small-groups/small-group-icebreakers.html>)
2. **Remember and Understand.** Before a group can engage in discussion, it's important to help them remember what they heard and frame up the teaching.
 - a. Have someone read the scripture passage from the sermon.
 - i. What caught your attention in this passage?
 - ii. And what else?
 - iii. What do you learn and love about God in this scripture?
 - iv. Did anything in this passage make you wonder?
 - b. Recall the sermon content. A great tool for this is the **Discussion Guide**. This is located on the website under "teaching" or use this link: <https://willowdalechapel.org/our-church/sunday-teaching/> Click on the sermon you are discussing and either download or view the discussion guide. These are available by Sunday afternoon the day of the sermon.
 - i. What was the main point of the sermon or biggest takeaway?
 - ii. What resonated with you or caught your interest?
 - iii. What challenged you?
3. **Utilize the Discussion Guide.**
 - a. Pick out 2-4 questions that you think will generate the best discussion.
 - b. Or...have each group member look at the discussion guide ahead of time. Have a few members ask the question that most challenged them.
4. **Apply.** End with application, remembering that our goal is spiritual transformation, not just information. (Often there are application questions within the discussion guide.)
 - a. How is this passage or sermon relevant to us today?
 - b. What is this text or sermon calling you to believe or do this week?
 - c. How can we make this happen?
 - d. How can we challenge each other as a group?