



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

I DO

Promise to Bless

Genesis 9-15

Pastor Steve Baker

August 7, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. God's Word is important for our lives. We should meditate on it day and night. Take a few moments for some in the group to share some ways they are personally studying God's Word.
2. God speaks to us through creation. This is a universal language communicating things about God to the entire world. What are some things we can learn about through creation?
3. The following statement has been made in both weeks of our current "I Do" series: "God's promises lay the foundation for building a solid faith." Why are God's promises so fundamentally important to our walk with Christ?
4. God gave Abraham a promised blessing. That blessing extends to the entire world. Genesis 12:3 states, "I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." How is the blessing of Abraham made available to everyone? Consider Galatians 3:7-9.
5. God gave the promise to Abraham in Genesis 12 and he believed. How was this belief evidenced? What did Abraham do that showed his trust in God?
6. Respond to the statement: "Every believer is enabled by God to accomplish things for God." Does this encourage you? Does this feel like pressure or a blessing?
7. Abraham believed God and obeyed in Genesis 12. And yet he was far from perfect. What did Abraham do when he first left his country that seems to go against the exact obedience God was looking for? Consider Genesis 12:4.
8. Read the entire chapter of Genesis 15. How does this event demonstrate God's unconditional promise to Abraham? Read Galatians 3:16. How does Christ bring the promises of God to bear in our lives unconditionally?
9. What does it look like to bless others with "no strings attached"? Consider Luke 6:35.



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

I DO

Promise to Protect and Provide

Genesis 6-9

Pastor Steve Baker

July 31, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. This weekend we started into a new series focused on the promises of God. Take a moment and list as many promises from Scripture as you can.
2. Sunday, the statement was made, “God’s promises lay the foundation for building a solid faith.” Why are God’s promises so important? Describe the role these might play as we navigate our day to day lives. Reflect on II Timothy 1:12.
3. Read Genesis 6:3-5. According to these Scriptures what are the reasons God brought judgment on the entire world?
4. We are told that Noah was blameless before God. Certainly, that can’t mean Noah never sinned. Every human except Jesus has sinned. What then do you suppose it means to be blameless before God?
5. The rainbow serves as a reminder that God will never again destroy the earth with a flood. This certainly would have meant so much to Noah and his family after what they lived through. What are some ways we can be reminded in our daily lives of God’s goodness and His ability to keep His promises?
6. Read Genesis 6:5 and Genesis 8:21. The first verse describes God’s disposition toward people before the flood while the second verse describes His disposition toward people after the flood. How does this change in disposition reflect God’s unconditional love?
7. Read Matthew 5:44,45. According to these verses, what kind of behavior reflects the image of God? Can you give an example when you did this?



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

BECAUSE OF JESUS
I'm Never Going Back
Galatians 5
Pastor Steve Baker
July 17, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you respond to the idea that teaching salvation as free might demotivate someone from living the way they should?
2. Community Bible Church has the following in the constitution and on our website regarding salvation: "We believe that because humanity is wholly infected by sin, we are utterly incapable of saving ourselves through any works of our own. Thus, salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone." We reject any works as a help toward salvation. What are some common arguments made for including works for salvation?
3. Sometimes we can get superstitious within our Christianity. We might feel like we must do certain things to get on God's good side. Can you name some examples of this?
4. Read Matthew 7:21-23 together. This passage describes people at the future judgment who will think they should be allowed into Heaven but will not be granted entrance. On what basis will they think they have the right to enter? Why will they be rejected?
5. Respond to the statement: "God is good to us, not because we are good, but because He is good."
6. Take a few moments to share praises regarding something God has done for you when you didn't deserve it. (Hint: we don't deserve any of it so just name something good God has done for you.)
7. Respond to the statement: "Sometimes we trust our prayer instead of the God we are praying to." Agree? Disagree? Defend your answer.
8. If we cannot earn our salvation then give some reasons why we would discipline our lives to live for Jesus? Why does it matter?



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

BECAUSE OF JESUS

I've Got New Life

Galatians 2

Pastor Steve Baker

July 3, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In light of Independence Day, share something you appreciate about living in the United States. Take a moment and pray together as a group. Thank the Lord for His provision here in this country and pray for righteousness to prevail.
2. Respond to this quote by John Maxwell: "When values, thoughts, feelings, and actions are in alignment, a person becomes focused, and character is strengthened."
3. How does a focus on the Gospel of Jesus Christ help align all of life? In other words, how does Jesus' death and resurrection inform the way we think, speak, and act?
4. On Sunday it was taught that the church must rest on the authority of Scripture. What happens when this gets reversed when the church tries to assert its authority over Scripture? Take a moment to pray for CBC and churches in our region to allow Scripture to be the ultimate authority.
5. When we don't stay focused on the Gospel, we experience pendulum swings between legalism and license. Legalism robs the Gospel of its freedom while license robs the Gospel of its purity. Legalism seems to say, "It's all bad." License seems to say, "It's all good." How have you seen these two pendulums show up in your life or Christian experience?
6. Read Ephesians 4:11,12. Respond to the statement: "We are all ministers of the Gospel." Do you agree? How can you be a minister of the Gospel in your life situation?
7. Read Galatians 2:10. Why do you suppose the Apostles gave Paul and Barnabas the very clear instruction to "remember the poor"? What implications does that statement have to our church today?
8. Read Galatians 2:20. This is Paul's testimony. He now has a new life in Christ. Take a few moments and allow one or a few to share their testimony of how life in Christ has been new and better.



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

Kingdom Builders

Matthew 16

Pastor Steve Baker

June 26, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The focus this week, in light of our annual meeting, was building God's Kingdom. Take a moment and share how the Lord has been using you lately to meet needs and share the Gospel.
2. Take some time as a group to pray through some names of people you are praying will accept Jesus Christ as Savior.
3. In Matthew 16, Jesus posed the most important question ever asked, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The word on the street was full of wrong answers. What are some common, wrong answers that might be given today?
4. Peter gave the right answer in Matthew 16:16, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." What stands out to you about Peter's answer?
5. God has called us to be part of building His Kingdom. What might have to change if we are going to do that as individuals? How do we get stuck building our kingdom rather than God's Kingdom?
6. How can you, as a group, work together to build God's Kingdom?
7. What are some ways you see God using CBC to build His Kingdom?



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

BECAUSE OF JESUS

I've Got a Great Dad

Galatians 4

Pastor Steve Baker

June 19, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In light of Father's Day, let's talk about our dads. Some have great memories while others have painful memories. Perhaps most have some of both. Share something you have learned from your earthly father. How has this impacted your view of your Heavenly Father?
2. In this weekend's sermon the statement was made, "Some people are fond of Jesus but unsure about God." What do you suppose is meant by this? What misunderstandings might someone have about who God and Jesus are?
3. Why is the translation from Galatians 3:26 "sons of God" preferred over "children of God"?
4. Respond to the statement: "We didn't start out as sons of God".
5. What are some examples of superstitions that people may follow to win God's favor?
6. Legalism is the attempt to do something to earn God's favor rather than relying on Him through faith. What are some ways that we, as Christians, might be legalistic?
7. Read Galatians 4:4-7 and notice the roles of Jesus and the Holy Spirit in the adoption process. How does Jesus make our adoption to the Father legal? How does the Holy Spirit make our adoption to the Father real?



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

BECAUSE OF JESUS I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS

Galatians 1

Pastor Steve Baker

June 12, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Being part of a group of fellow believers is a privilege and a calling by God. Take a moment and share with one another some things you appreciate about the group you are in.
2. Read Galatians 1 together as a group.
3. Galatians 1:4 tells us that God “rescued” us. When asked, most people say Jesus was a good teacher and moral example. These things are both true but why are they not enough to rescue us? What did Christ do that did this rescuing?
4. Paul talks about the present evil age. Evil has been in the world since the first sin but there are cycles where evil ramps up. Do you think we are living in a more intense time of this evil cycle? Explain your answer.
5. Paul is “astonished” by the way the Galatian Christians are so quick to give up the freedom they have in Christ and turn back to the slavery of religion. What are some ways we might be tempted to do that today?
6. Paul is quick to say that no person has the authority to change the gospel. Celebrity church culture can be a hindrance to the purity of the Gospel. What kind of messaging has become popular that undermines the true Gospel? (For reference on the true Gospel read I Corinthians 15:1-4)
7. According to Galatians 1:10, what can motivate an attack on the pure Gospel?
8. Scripture strongly affirms God’s unconditional love for His children. We can do nothing to earn His love. We already have it. Share some ways we might be trying to help God love us more?



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

EMOTIONS: ALLOWING THE SPIRIT TO REFRAME OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

SHAME

II Corinthians 7

Pastor Steve Baker

June 5, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. This weekend we launched our summer serving opportunities. Take time to ask the Lord to use us as a church to reach people with the good news – the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Share a time from childhood when you felt a sense of shame.
3. Each sermon in the series included a teaching on the role of the Holy Spirit. Take a moment to list some of the functions God the Holy Spirit carries out.
4. Shame can be used by God as a catalyst for spiritual growth, but the enemy wants to distort it and use it to defeat people. Talk about some ways shame might be used to hold people back in their spiritual journey. How might this look in preventing someone from salvation? How might this impede sanctification?
5. Shame often comes from the wrong places. Two of those are identified by the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 4:3. These two places are the opinions of others about me and the opinion I have about myself. How can we mirror Paul's response from this Scripture verse?
6. What does it mean to practice repentance?
7. Respond to the statement: "Shame is not a catalyst not a chain." Consider II Corinthians 7:11.



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SORROW

II Corinthians 4

Pastor Steve Baker

May 29, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Take a moment and pray for our country in light of Memorial Day weekend. Thank the Lord for the men and women who served and paid the ultimate price by sacrificing their lives for our freedom. Also, ask for the Lord's protection and for the Gospel to move forward in our country. Pray for the families who are reeling from the tragic events at Robb Elementary School in Texas.
2. Read II Corinthians 4:8,9 and talk about the paradox Paul is describing. He paints a picture of difficulty and yet there is hope. Encourage one another by sharing a time in your life when you went through great difficulty and yet had a solid hope.
3. Read John 14:6,7. In these verses Jesus is talking about the entrance of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of those who believe. What does the presence of God in your heart mean to you? What does the Holy Spirit do for us? Consider I John 2:26,27.
4. In Ephesians 5:18 the Apostle Paul contrasts drunkenness with the filling of the Holy Spirit. He says these things are mutually exclusive. A Christian cannot be filled with alcohol and the Holy Spirit at the same time. He is either controlled by the alcohol or by the Holy Spirit. But alcohol is just one example. Name some other things that might "quench" the Spirit and gain control over our lives.
5. Isaiah 53:4 says that Jesus was a man of sorrows. Yet in Matthew 11 Jesus told us that His burden was light. How do you square these two concepts? Was Jesus sorrowful and joyful? How do you suppose that played out in His life?
6. We looked at the sorrow of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane as He prepared to go to cross. We listed the following 5 things that Jesus did as He processed His sorrow. Take a look at the list and share an example of one of those that you practiced in your own life during a time of sorrow.
 - a. - Acknowledge the sorrow.
 - b. - Practice solitude.
 - c. - Take friends on the journey.
 - d. - Completely rely on God in prayer.
 - e. - Allow sorrow to take you where the Father wants to take you.
7. God has made us, as His church, to be there for one another. Paul wrote in Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." Take a moment and prayerfully commit yourselves as a group to be there for one another through the highs and lows of life.



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

EMOTIONS: ALLOWING THE SPIRIT TO REFRAME OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

ANGER

EPHESIANS 4

Pastor Steve Baker

May 22, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The topic this week is anger. We grow together when we open up with one another. Share an example of a time you responded in an angry way and regretted it.
2. Steve talked about healthy vs. unhealthy anger. Take a couple minutes as a group to list some examples of both.
3. Read Ephesians 1:1-14 together. Now focus specifically on verses 13 and 14. How might the presence of the Holy Spirit impact anger in our lives?
4. What was the “Two Step Dance” with anger mentioned Sunday? Consider James 1:19 and Ephesians 4:26.
5. Sometimes the moment catches us off guard and we need to run triage to guard us from acting out of anger. Some suggestions were made on how to do this. Take a moment to name some suggestions together (take a walk, count to 10, etc.).
6. We are in a spiritual battle. How does the enemy try to use anger as a weapon against us?
7. We must fight spiritual battles with spiritual weapons. Take time as a group to pray for God’s Holy Spirit to help in this area of anger.



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EMOTIONS: ALLOWING THE SPIRIT TO REFRAME OUR HEARTS AND MINDS

FEAR

II TIMOTHY 1:3-14

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

May 15, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Take some time to mention people on your impact card and pray for them as a group. If you have not filled out an impact card you are encouraged to do so.
2. Talk about phobias. What are some strange phobias you have come across? What phobia do you struggle with?
3. II Timothy 1:7 reads, "God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." The emotion of fear is a reality for everyone. So how does the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer help that believer overcome fear?
4. Respond to this quote by President Roosevelt, "Courage is not the absence of fear but rather the assessment that something else is more important than fear."
5. Acts 4:31 reads, "And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness." The presence of the Holy Spirit gives us a boldness to talk to others about Christ. Share a time when you saw this play out in your life.
6. How do you square the fear of God with the idea that perfect love casts out fear? How do these go together? Consider Matthew 10:26-33 and I John 4:13-19.
7. According to II Timothy 1:7, God has given us the spirit of a sound mind. This means we are able, under the influence of God's Holy Spirit, to move forward based on the facts even when fear would hold us back. Can you give an example where you were able to overcome fear by thinking it through?
8. It is helpful to look at the examples where Jesus and others were courageous. Seeing their courage gives us courage. Why does this help, especially when it comes to Jesus? Can you think of someone who has built courage in you by their example?



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HAPPINESS

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

May 8, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Emotions are not inherently good or bad. It's been said that emotions make good servants but terrible masters. How can even a seemingly positive emotion like happiness be used in a bad way or lead to bad actions?
2. Read Philippians 4:4-9 as a group and simply state some observations that stand out to you.
3. According to the above passage, what is the source of joy for the Christian? How does that work?
4. The Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity. This means God is one in three persons. Name some functions of the Holy Spirit. According to I John 2:26,27, what role does the Holy Spirit play in our lives by way of anointing?
5. Read John 6:21,22. How does the death and resurrection of Jesus compare to a Mother giving birth?
6. Talk about a time in life that you believe the Holy Spirit was bringing you great joy. What factors drove that joy?
7. How does prayer help anxiety? Note Philippians 4:6,7.



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

THE MUDDY WATERS OF BAPTISM

ROMANS 6:3-11

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

April 24, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. A big reason we gather together in groups is to grow our friendships within the church. A great way to do that is laughing together. On Sunday morning, we heard the story of Erwin Kreuz who came from Germany to see San Francisco but ended up in Maine by mistake. Take a few minutes and share some stories of when you got lost and how that all came about.
2. The topic this weekend was baptism. There seems to be a lot of confusion surrounding baptism. What are some of the confusing things you've thought of or heard when it comes to this topic?
3. Baptism is a beautiful symbol of our faith. Read Romans 6:3-11 as a group. How does the physical act of baptism symbolize our salvation?
4. What is your understanding of baptism as it applies to salvation? CBC's position is that baptism is important but not required for salvation? Consider the following Scriptures: Ephesians 2:8,9, John 3:16, Romans 10:9 and discuss.
5. At CBC we say baptism is an ordinance not a sacrament. An ordinance is a command while a sacrament is a means of grace. Read Matthew 3:13,14, and talk about why the baptism of Jesus would never be considered a means of grace.
6. In Scripture, baptism always followed belief. What are some other uses of baptism you are familiar with?
7. The Greg Koukl event is just around the corner. Spend some time in prayer as a group asking God to move through that weekend as we all look to bolster our faith through the knowledge of His Word.



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

FROM RUBBISH TO RESURRECTION

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-17

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

April 17, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The Apostle Paul said his life before Christ was like “rubbish” compared to his new life in Christ. Take some time to encourage one another with some of the ways you appreciate the life that you now have in Christ compared to your life before Christ.
2. What are some things the world offers that potentially get in the way of making Jesus the true joy of our lives?
3. How can “religion” sometimes be used as a detractor rather than a benefit to our lives with Christ?
4. According to Philippians 3:9, Paul indicated his new found life in Christ was only available through faith. Some try earning this by works. Others try combining good works with faith. Why is faith alone the only solution for life in Christ? Consider Isaiah 64:6 in your answer.
5. Read Philippians 3:12-14 together as a group. What key mindset does Paul identify to help us continue growing in our faith?
6. According to Philippians 3:17, a great way to continue growing in faith is to emulate others who are more advanced in their faith. Describe a person you know who models something you can learn from in their walk with Christ.
7. Update one another on someone you have been praying would come to Christ. Spend some time praying for the people on your impact cards.



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

WRITTEN IN STONE: TRULY GRATEFUL

EXODUS 20:17

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

APRIL 10, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. This was the final week in the “Written In Stone” series. Which of the Ten Commandments has stood out to you the most? Explain your answer.
2. Consider the first commandment and the last commandment. In the sermon, a connection was made between these two commandments as setting them apart from the other eight. What was that connection? What are your thoughts about that?
3. Read I Thessalonians 5:18. Name some circumstances in which it might seem difficult to express thanks to God.
4. David committed adultery and murder. Those are forbidden sins but they were really rooted in covetousness. What are some other examples of sins that can be traced back to covetousness?
5. Read Hebrews 13:5,6. How is fear sometimes related to covetousness?
6. Take some time to name some of the blessings God has given you. Take special care to name, not only the physical outward blessings, but the inward blessings we have in Christ.
7. Talk about this quote from John Stuart Mill: “I have learned to seek my happiness by limiting my desires, rather than in attempting to satisfy them.”



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

WRITTEN IN STONE: TRUTH BRINGS FREEDOM

EXODUS 20:16

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

APRIL 3, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review your impact cards as a group and give updates. Has the Lord moved anyone on your list toward salvation? Is there a next step you might take to introduce someone on the list to Jesus? Is there another name to put on your list?
2. People are quick to look down on another for their sins but sometimes slower to look at themselves. This is true for believers and non-believers alike. What reality from I Timothy 1 helps us get away from this kind of judgmental spirit? Focus on verses 15 and 16.
3. Share a time when someone “bore false witness” against you. When were you falsely accused?
4. Read Matthew 12:36,37 together. In what areas might we allow ourselves to speak in ways that God is not honored because we might not think it’s a big deal?
5. Deal with the tension of God allowing some people in the Bible to lie without condemning their lie. For reference you could read the account of the Hebrew midwives from Exodus 1:15-21.
6. Psalm 50:19-23 makes it clear that slander is a big deal to God. How does God as Father fuel God’s response to slander?
7. Share a time when telling the truth hurt, but sharing it led to freedom in some way.



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

WRITTEN IN STONE: LIVE TO GIVE

EXODUS 20:15

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

MARCH 27, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Spend a few moments as a group in prayer for the situation in the Ukraine. Pray for missionary Ben Layer and others who are ministering to refugees, Christians, and Pastors in the area.
2. So many of the commandments tell us what not to do. Yet living for God is a very positive way to live. In fact, it's the best way to live. So why are the "thou shalt nots" a positive thing? To help answer this read Hebrews 12:18-29.
3. The commandment in view this week is commandment #8 – "Thou shalt not steal." This is something that no doubt hits close to home for almost everyone at some point in time – perhaps as a victim. Share a story of how you were a victim of a robbery.
4. When we think of stealing we think of the unlawful taking of person property. But stealing has many forms. Name some other ways people may steal from one another.
5. Pastor Steve spoke this week about robbing God. How can we do that? What does that look like? (Consider Malachi 3:8-10)
6. One goal of the series is to expand our understanding of these commands to realize we are all guilty. Where has your thinking been challenged related to the command not to steal?
7. Read II Corinthians 9:6-8. Especially note verse #8. Have you seen this play out in your life? Encourage one another by sharing a story of a time when you saw God bless you so that you could in turn bless someone else.



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

WRITTEN IN STONE: FAITHFUL AND PURE

EXODUS 20:14

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

MARCH 20, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Many of the commandments tell us things we cannot do. They limit the way we behave. How do you respond to someone who says, "Being a Christian doesn't seem like much fun!"
2. Read Ephesians 5:22-33. How does a committed husband and wife relationship demonstrate a person's relationship with Christ? What kind of importance, then, does the marriage relationship have as it relates to influencing others for Christ?
3. What would a lack of moral purity hinder our relationship with God?
4. According to the Old Testament Commandment, adultery is forbidden. However, in the New Testament, Jesus takes it to a whole new level. Read Matthew 5:27,28. Why would Jesus be this strict?
5. What are some "moral fences" that can be constructed to help us in this area of moral purity both in action and thought?
6. Read Colossians 3:12,16, and 17. How do the following three concepts aid moral purity?
 - Compassion for others
 - Biblical worship
 - Gratitude
7. Take a moment as a group and ask God to help you in the area of moral purity. Ask Him to do for you what you cannot do for yourself.



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

WRITTEN IN STONE: YOU SHALL NOT MURDER

EXODUS 20:13

GUEST: PASTOR JOHN JENKINS

MARCH 13, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does the command, “Thou shall not murder” say about God?
2. How does this command confront us today now that Christ has come?
3. How does the world try to define or justify murder?
4. What are ways that we can protect and advocate for our own and others lives?
5. How does this command bring blessing, abundant life, and freedom?
6. How can we pray for you as a group?



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

WRITTEN IN STONE: HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER

EXODUS 20:12

PASTOR CHIP HERRERA

MARCH 6, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does remembering what God has done for us help us to show honor?
2. The word used for Honor in the text implied a weight, what implications does that have for our lives?
3. How does showing honor help us to realize we are not in charge?
4. How can the lack of showing honor allow for bitterness to grow?
5. Can you talk about a time where showing honor even when maybe underserved taught you something about God?
6. How can we pray for you as a group?

APPLICABLE SCRIPTURES

Eph. 6:1-4

1 Sam 2:30

1 Cor. 8:6

Matt 6:9-10

Matt 22:37-40

Heb. 12:15

Eph. 4:32



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

WRITTEN IN STONE: REMEMBER THE SABBATH

EXODUS 20:8-11

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Studies show stress levels are at all-time highs. Why do you suppose this is? Can you name a few common sources of stress?
2. God could have created the universe in just a moment of time. Why do you suppose God created the earth in 6 days?
3. Observing the Sabbath in the Old Testament meant taking an entire day off of work. How did this demonstrate trust in the Lord?
4. How does the observation of a Sabbath establish a healthy life rhythm?
5. What is your understanding of the Sabbath as it relates to today? Respond to the statement: "The Sabbath is not about a day."
6. Respond to the statement: "Jesus took time off to rest. My work is not more important than His."
7. Sabbath is for worship. What are some potential benefits to regularly attending worship services?
8. How will honoring the Lord by observing the Sabbath improve your relationship with your spouse and/or kids?
9. How can we pray for you as a group?

APPLICABLE SCRIPTURES

Exodus 20:8-11

Genesis 2:1-3

Deuteronomy 5:15

Hebrews 2:9

Exodus 16:25,26

Colossians 2:8

Colossians 2:16,17

Romans 14:5

Hebrews 4:4

Hebrews 4:8

Hebrews 2:10

Hebrews 10:23,24

Mark 6:31

Psalms 23:1-3

Matthew 8:36,3

Isaiah 58:13



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

WRITTEN IN STONE: NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

EXODUS 20:7

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. We talked about choosing names for kids. What are some of the ways you have heard, or maybe did yourself, to choose names for a baby?
2. Name some people who had significant names in the Bible.
3. Why might some use the name of God flippantly?
4. How does it strike you to hear that “God demands respect.” Explain your answer.
5. God is infinitely powerful. He does not need us. Why then does it matter to God what we say about Him?
6. How can hypocrisy be a form of taking God’s name in vain? Can you share an example?
7. What is the danger with saying, “God told me...”?
8. God is holy. Talk about holiness and what it means. In light of God’s holiness how should we then talk about Him?

APPLICABLE SCRIPTURES

Exodus 20:7

John 14:16

Job 40:3-5

Malachi 1:6

Matthew 15:8,9

I Samuel 2:30

Colossians 2:9

Job 38:1-4

Philippians 2:9

Philippians 2:10,11

Proverbs 30:5,6

Psalms 91:14-16



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

WRITTEN IN STONE: PURE WORSHIP

EXODUS 20:4-6

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you suppose God does not want us to make an image that is meant to represent Him for worship?
2. God is very secure in who He is. He does not need our approval and yet what we think about Him matters to Him. Why does God care what we think about Him?
3. Bowing to an idol is an obvious violation of the 2nd commandment. However, our enemy is deceptive and often tricks us into disobeying God in more subtle ways. What are some of the potentially more subtle ways we might be tempted to violate the command against graven images?
4. The church building is an important place because we value gathering for worship. How do we balance protecting a place of worship from becoming an object of worship? How do other religious symbols like crosses fit into this?
5. What are some of the dangers in using the physical as a portal to the spiritual? Can you think of some examples that make you uncomfortable?
6. What does it mean to worship God in spirit? In truth?
7. Read II Corinthians 3:16-18 as a group. How does the Spirit of God bring freedom? How is this tied into the commandment against using graven images for worship?



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

WRITTEN IN STONE: NO OTHER "GODS"

EXODUS 20:1-3

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the statement, "Unless there is a God all morality is just opinion and belief." How does a lack of knowing God undermine morality?
2. How do following God's commandments create a great world?
3. Scripture indicates God's desire to have a personal relationship with us. Do you find this easy or difficult to wrap your mind around? Explain.
4. Exodus 34 declares the one true God to be jealous. How does this strike you?
5. Name some false "gods" we may be faced with today.
6. Can you look back at a time where you were serving a false "god"? If so, what brought you to realize it and what brought you out?
7. Talk about the phrase, "Worshiping God is its own reward."



CITY GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS

WRITTEN IN STONE: PREPARING FOR GOD TO WORK

PASTOR STEVE BAKER

JANUARY 30, 2022

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As a group, fill out Impact Cards and pray over the names.
2. Following Christ means a whole life commitment. That can seem overwhelming. Respond to the statement, "Most Christians have just enough Christianity to bug them rather than bless them."
3. As we head into our study of the Ten Commandments, consider our posture toward them. A close word to "commandment" is "rule". Perhaps most people fall into 3 categories related to rules: some love them, some hate them, and some are more neutral. Which category do you fall into and why?
4. God carries His children on "eagles' wings". Can you think of a time where you have seen God doing this for you?
5. Why can God's commandments seem like good news and bad news at the same time?
6. God appeared to Israel in a powerful but distant way. Why did God insist they not see Him or come near Him? Is God still like that with us today? How do Jesus' death and resurrection impact our distance from God?
7. Take some time to pray as a group inviting God to use the preaching of His Word to bring life change through the Ten Commandments series.