



Group Discussion Guide: Dear Church | June 19, 2022

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

Read Psalm 133 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 have 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 the sermon this weekend was about?
- What from this sermon resonated with you? What challenged you?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 1:10-17.** Summarize what Paul is saying to the Corinthians in these verses. What's his concern?
- In those verses, Paul has an idea he'd like to see the Corinthians realize. What is it?
- **Read John 17:20-23.** What is Jesus' desire for those who follow him?
- In what ways do you see division in churches in our current culture? What are the causes?
- What do you see as potential points of division for this group?
- In his sermon, Dan mentioned that the Corinthian believers were dividing over preference-based issues. How do you discern between what is just a preference and what is essential to our faith?
- If you have a disagreement with someone over something, what would handling that disagreement in a godly manner look like?
- What steps should this group commit to so that if we ever have a disagreement with one another or the church, we can say we handled those disagreements in a God-honoring way?
- **Read Matthew 18:15-17 and Ephesians 4:1-6.** How do these verses inform how you'd answer the above question?
- What is one main takeaway you have from this message and these passages 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 for the requests that were shared.