



Group Discussion Guide: Strength | October 31, 2021

Begin with Scripture + prayer (5 minutes).

As you begin, start by spending a few moments in silence as a group.

[Why silence? Our world is so busy and distracted, and technology fills any gaps in between. With all that moving, it can be hard to hear others and hear the voice of God. As we gather, let's press pause and enter a moment of quiet so that we can hear what God is saying to us and through others.]

Once you've completed your moment of quiet, **re-read Mark 12:28-30**. Once finished reading, use this verse as the foundation for your opening prayer tonight.

Recap your weekly devotions from last week (15 minutes).

- How have you done replacing lies with truth this past week? What truths about God, yourself, or others have you had to keep at the forefront of your mind?
- Did you sense any invitations or challenges from God after sitting with last week's devotional content? Explain.

Read Scripture + debrief the sermon as a group (50 minutes).

- **Read 1 Peter 4:10.** If you were to take a "strengths finder" test to see what your strengths are, what do you think the results of that test would be? What are your strengths that God has given you?
- Do you view your strengths, talents, and abilities as gifts from God? How might a stewardship mentality shape how you think about loving God with all your strength?
- This week, Dan preached about loving God with all our strength. How do you think loving God with our hearts and minds and souls impacts our ability to love God with all our strength?
- **Read Matthew 25:14-30.** In what ways does this passage challenge you to love God with more of your strength? What specific words or phrases from this bring that out in you?
- Do you find it easy to love God with your strengths? Or do you find it difficult? Why?
- What barriers do you face in loving God with all your strength?



- What sorts of opportunities to love God with all your strength exist? Are there any places you're not taking advantage of the opportunities before you? Explain.
- In this sermon, Dan mentioned three areas we can love God with our strength: (1) Our families; (2) Our workplaces; and (3) Our church. Which of these are you most invested in? Which are you least invested in? Explain.
- What would it look like for you to love God with 5% more strength at home, at work, or at church?

Go over the daily work for this week (10 minutes).

[You can access daily work at thecreek.org/devotionals/!]

This week you'll have the opportunity to begin practicing loving God with your strength.

This week, you'll have the opportunity to do two things:

1. You'll have the opportunity to look and reflect on your current habits – what you're currently using your strength to accomplish in your life.
2. You'll have the opportunity to plot a path forward with new habits – to be intentional about what you're using your strengths for in your life.

Be sure to take some time each day this upcoming week to go through the material!

Finish with intercessory prayer (5 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 in prayer.