



Sermon Discussion Guide

April 21, 2024

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: Applying the Bible is like surgery.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. What are you looking forward to this summer?
2. Have you ever had surgery? What was it for and how did the recovery go?

Transition / Open in prayer:

3. What is a Bible passage that God has used in your life to help you grow in faith?

Life Examination:

READ John 1:1-14

4. What are the 2 or 3 main words in this passage?
5. How does Jesus, the Word of God, bring light into the world?
6. What does John mean when he says that Jesus "made his dwelling among us"?
7. In the stories of Jesus in the New Testament, when do you see Jesus bringing truth? When do you see him bringing grace?

READ Hebrews 4:9-16

8. What is the rest offered to the people of God in verse 11?
9. Why is a double-edged sword a good illustration for the Word of God, the Bible?
10. How is verse 13 an example of God's Kingship?
11. What kind of priest is Jesus?
12. Why are we able to approach the throne of God with confidence?

Life Application:

12. What are some ways people invite Jesus to "dwell" with them, to be an active part of their lives?
13. When have you experienced the rest that God offers you?
14. Tell the group about a time you felt like God's Word was cutting you open.
15. What is keeps a person from walking with God in freedom and boldness?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask God to use His Word to transform your hearts.