



Your group matters.

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*What is one trip you have never taken but would really like to take someday?*

1. Read **Numbers 16:1-3**. What would your first response have been if you had been Moses or Aaron? Now read verse 4. How hard would it be for you to turn to prayer first and what would make it difficult?
2. Pastor Tom indicated that humility is the key factor motivating us to pray when in conflict. But humility before whom: our challenger, our partner, the people around us, God? And why should we be humble, anyway? (See **Psalm 50:15** and **86:6-10**.)
3. The emotions of the moment make it easy to take offense and lose focus on what the real issues are. Pastor Tom says that gaining God's perspective in prayer helps us to confront the actual issues. When was the last time you lost track of the real issue and fought about lesser things? What perspective would have redirected you to the real issue?
4. Look up the following verses on anger: **Psalm 37:8**; **Proverbs 14:29**; **Ecclesiastes 7:9**; **Proverbs 16:32**; **15:18**; **29:22**. What are the defining characteristics of an angry person that you notice? Now lookup **Ephesians 4:26-27** and **1 Peter 2:23**. What are the defining characteristics of a peace-seeking person?
5. **Ephesians 4:26b** says, "And don't sin by letting anger control you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry..." What is causing you anger in your life today? Spend some time as a group confessing these to God and each other and praying for one another.

## PERSONAL GUIDE

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

*Day One:* John 1; Psalm 13

*Day Two:* Deuteronomy 10; Proverbs 8

*Day Three:* Romans 7; 1 Corinthians 12

*Day Four:* 2 Peter 1; Ezekiel 40

*Day Five:* Job 39; Acts 23



# WELCOME to RIVERSIDE CHURCH

*Big Lake  
Buffalo  
Sauk Rapids*

*April 19, 2026*



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