

General Sermon Discussion Guide

Use this discussion guide to reflect on the sermon personally or with your small group over the Christmas holiday. Regular sermon discussion guides will resume being published for the sermon on January 4, 2026

Begin the discussion by checking in with each person present and share prayer requests/praises with the group. Then, have one person offer a prayer for the group making sure to include any prayer requests that were mentioned earlier.

Scripture

Read the main Scripture passage from the sermon out loud. Discuss any initial thoughts you have about these verses.

Observation

Consider whichever of the below observation questions you feel are most relevant for this Scripture passage.

- What do you think the main message is?
- What words or ideas jump out at you?
- What seems interesting or unusual?
- What comes before or after the passage, and how does that help you understand this passage?
- Is there repetition, comparison, or contrast in the passage?
- What does this passage teach you about God?
- What does it teach you about humanity/yourself?
- Were there other Scripture passages mentioned in the sermon or ones that came to your mind that would help you to understand the main theme of this Scripture?

Application

Consider how the sermon and Scripture passage apply to your life by reflecting on any of the below questions.

- Is there a word of encouragement for you to receive?
- Is there a command to follow?
- Is there a change God is calling you to make in your life?
- Is there something God is calling you to surrender to Him?
- Is there a change you need to make in your understanding of God or the way He is calling you to live?
- What is one step of obedience you will take this week in light of how God has spoken to you through this message?

Prayer

Consider the following prompts as a start but allow the Holy Spirit to lead you in praying what comes to mind.

- Praise God for His attributes revealed in the Scripture passage.
- Confess any sin that comes to light.
- Thank God for His Word.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to work in your life, making you more like Jesus.