

**DISCUSSION SHEET**

This discussion sheet is intended to provide a general format to help “dig and delve” into the passage and message on your own throughout the summer, with or without a connection group.

**Investigate:**

1. After reading through the passage, what key words or phrases stand out? What do these terms mean? Was anything repeated or emphasized in some way?
2. How does this passage fit into the immediate context? (i.e. what comes before it? what comes after?) What are the connections?
3. Does the passage contain quotations or references to other books or events? If so, where and what? How do they relate?
4. How would you summarize the speaker’s message in your own words? What were the main points? Were there particular points or ideas that were new to you or struck home in a particular way?

**Apply:**

1. What particular instructions, warnings, commands, or teachings apply in your situation? What is God’s Word saying to you through this passage?
2. In the message, what truths about God or life were explained or taught? Was anything new to you?
3. Were there things you found difficult to read or hear? Why?
4. Give examples of how this passage and message apply to the issues you are facing - at home, at work, in your family or community.

“Above all, maintain constant love for one another,  
since love covers a multitude of sins.”  
(1Peter 4:8)

**Reflect:**

1. What encouraged you from this passage and message? How could you remember this in the future?
2. What difference did this week’s passage/message make to your life and understanding?
3. Consider how you could pray this passage. What specific things could be prayed in light of your reading?
4. Share your thoughts and reflections with a trusted friend or family member.

**GUIDE**

1. The Discussion Sheet is intended to help us process Pastor David’s sermon and to apply it in various ways to our lives. The questions will be most beneficial when you can discuss your answers and ideas with other believers. ***The personal reflection questions are not intended for group discussion.***
2. When biblical events are familiar, we can become less sensitive to their content. Pray that God will deepen your perception and guide your thoughts as you read and study.
3. Give your best answer to each question. When appropriate, read the verses or passage again, then consider other passages as well. At times, you will want to consult a commentary or some other source for the answer!
4. Remember God’s Word is his chosen way to speak to us, to change us and to teach us. And he has designed this to happen in the context of community. When we cannot meet in person, we can meet in other creative ways. Consider how you can meet with others to build each other up! :)