



GCBC Sermon Application & Discussion Guide (for individuals, families, small groups, etc.)

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”
2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don't let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation and Conversation on today's text:

Date: 9/3/2021 The Most Important Passage

1. How did the Scripture challenge or encourage you or speak to you today about God?
2. Is there a particular takeaway, conviction, or application you can share with a fellow believer?
3. From today's message, what is arguably the most important passage in the Bible and why?
4. How do the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5 relate to chapter 6, v. 5? Why do the scriptures hinge on this and the command to love our neighbor? Why is it important to start where 6:4-5 starts?
5. What insights does Matthew 22:37-40 add to this study? What about Mark 12:28-34? What did the scribe grasp from Jesus' words in v. 33 and how might that apply to your religious exercises today?
6. How might understanding the greatest commandment impact how we view how great our sin is? How should this passage impact how you confess sin (whether at communion today or during the week)?
7. What practical ways can you pursue loving God more with all that you are? How can you help others to?
8. What can you do to love your neighbor as yourself more (Leviticus 19:18)? Does v. 16-17 help? v. 32-34?
9. Is there anyone you're convicted you haven't been loving to? What can you do this week to show love?