

PERSONAL REFLECTION GUIDE

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- What main point from the sermon stood out to you?
- What did the Holy Spirit convict you of or encourage you with?
- What role does God's Word play in your life now?
- **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:20-21.** What do these verses reveal about the character of God?
- What are some things people choose to trust besides the Bible? Why are each of those things so tempting to trust?
- Since the Bible is God's Word to us, how should that impact our day-to-day life?
- What do you think makes the Bible so intimidating for people or hard to understand? What, if anything, can be done to overcome these obstacles?
- There are many ways to engage with God's Word – hearing, reading, studying, memorizing, meditating, and so on. Which most commonly describes your habits? What leads you to that habit?
- What Bible-engagement habit might be good for you to grow in, and why?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 and John 16:12-15.** Based on these verses, how does the Holy Spirit in reading the Bible today? Why might this be important to know?
- How do these verses describe those who don't accept or obey the Bible? How can that impact how we interact with the lost who don't know Jesus?
- It can be tempting to read the Bible without applying or seeking to obey it. What can you do – by the power of the Spirit - to make obedience to God's Word a practice of yours?
- Write one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week. Who will you tell about this step in order to hold you accountable?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read Matthew 6:5-15. Jesus describes the heart of prayer in these verses. How would you explain that heart in your own words? What stands in the way of this posture of prayer?



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Southland Church is committed to helping parents raise the next generation of disciples who KNOW Christ, LIVE like Him, and make Him KNOWN. This guide is meant to help you as a family, particularly those over 12 years old, to discuss the Sunday sermon. You can do this in an evening devotion or over lunch after service.

A few tips to get started: (1) Make this a phone-free conversation. You and your family put the phones away, except for the person who looks up the Scriptures. He/She would read the passage and then put his/her phone away. (2) Set the pace for how vulnerable to be. If you give a shallow answer, you are more likely to get a shallow answer from your kids. (3) Do not feel like you have to ask all of these questions. Just focus on having a good honest discussion.

Open with prayer, asking God to lead you to know more about Christ and live like Him.

- What stood out to you from the sermon this week? What challenged or encouraged you?
- What was the most encouraging or exciting message you ever got? Maybe a letter or text from a friend or relative. What made it so good to receive?
- **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.** What do you think it means that the Bible is “God-breathed?”
- What does it tell you about God that He sent this word, this Bible, to us?
- How does knowing that the Bible comes from God impact how we should view and approach it?
- Paul lists 4 things Scripture is useful for. Which of these words or phrases is confusing to you? Which is challenging to you?
- Sometimes the Bible can be hard to understand. Why do you think that is? What are some aids to help understand hard parts of it?
- **Read Isaiah 55:10-11.** What does this tell you about God’s Word? Why is this passage important to remember when reading the Bible?
- How can you make reading the Bible a regular part of your life, especially with all our busy schedules and distractions?
- What is one thing you want to put in practice from these passages or the sermon?

Ask if there is some way you can pray for your family members, and then close in prayer.



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