

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?
- If you were to survey people outside the church today, what do you think they would say is the mission of the church?
- **Read Matthew 28:16-20.** This is a very well-known passage of Scripture. One of the purposes of the Gospel of Matthew is to show that Jesus is the promised King from the line of David. And at this point in the story, the King has risen from the dead. **Read Daniel 7:13-14.** How are these passages related?
- The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) is a command from an eternal King. What impact should that have on us as we go?
- What is the mission of the church based on this passage? What measures should we use to gauge our progress in this mission?
- Reflecting on this mission of the church, one author once said, "We are too busy... doing Christian things. We have spiritual activity with little productivity." What do you think he means? How do you respond to this quote?
- What safeguards can we put in place so we do not neglect the mission? As a church, but also as an individual or a small group?
- Many Christians wait until they feel comfortable sharing the Gospel – until they know enough about what to share or the right moment to share. What – if anything – is beneficial about this trend? What might be dangerous about it?
- Making disciples is more than just sharing the Gospel; it is also "teaching [others] to observe all that [Christ] has commanded you." On a scale of 1-10 (10, being very prepared), how prepared are you to lead someone in the Christian faith after they make a decision to follow Jesus?
- What would make you one level higher than what you rated yourself above?
- Based on this passage or the sermon, what is one step of obedience the Holy Spirit is leading you towards this week?

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Read Psalm 1. What would be signs of "delighting in the Lord's instruction"?



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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 as challenging or encouraging?
- If you could tell the whole world one important message, what would it be? (Encourage everyone to share, especially silly answers)
- **Read Matthew 28:16-20.** What did Jesus tell His followers to do?
- What do you think it means to “make disciples”?
- Why do you think Jesus gave this mission right before leaving for Heaven?
- Jesus starts with, “All authority on heaven and earth has been given to me” before giving His command. How should we feel about this command given Jesus’ authority?
- If someone asked you “What is the Gospel?” what would you say? Why did Jesus have to die? How can people receive eternal life?
- Jesus promises, “I will be with you always until the end of the age.” How does the promise of His presence make you feel? How should it impact you as you “make disciples”?
- Think of where your house is now, and your neighbors on all sides. How many of your neighbors can you name? Which ones go to church or know about Jesus?
- What are some ways that our family can follow Jesus’ command where God has placed us?
- 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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