

life together

SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSION GUIDE

Main point from Sunday's sermon:

Only the gospel frees us to live lives of unwavering hope! Now let's RECAP:

Re-Read

Re-read 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:11. As you do, highlight what you think are the key sentences or phrases. You'll come back to those as you evaluate the main point of the passage shortly.

Evaluate

Using the key statements, sentences, or phrases you highlighted, determine as a group what you think the big idea is.

The main points from Sunday's sermon were:

Live with unwavering hope:

1. With an eye to eternity (1:12-14)
2. Upon the promises of God (1:15-22)
3. Within the Body of Christ (1:23-2:11)

Spend a few minutes connecting the text and the main points. Where in the text do you see the above statements and points?

Citations from the Church

"It is possible to know Bible stories, yet miss the Bible story," Edmund Clowney.

What do you think Clowney means about "Bible stories" versus "Bible story?" What is the Bible story? How does your favorite Bible story fit into that greater story of Jesus' redemption of man?

"The most important date in church history was 1909 when Henry Ford designed his Model-T. Church discipline is almost impossible in the era of the automobile, because we have the ability to run when our church comes after us," Carl Trueman.

What are your thoughts on this quote? Why do you think it's just easier for some people to walk away from the church rather than face discipline or accountability? How can this be changed?

Application or Advancing the Gospel

Define hope. What are markers of hope in your life? How is Christian hope altogether different from worldly hope? Remember: hope is desire with reasonable confidence, expectancy, longing.

How does an eye to end times motivate a life of hope and holiness? List a few examples. There's great hope in eternity and judgment as Christians. In what ways does this propel urgency as well?

What are some implications of the fact that there are no promises of God contained in the Bible that do not find their ultimate fulfillment in Christ?

Do you believe the visible church is the Body of Christ and indispensable to your life and walk as a believer? Why or why not? What does this mean for membership, attendance, and discipline?

How does being committed to the local church impact the various areas of your life? In what ways does your connectedness matter to others?

Praise

There is a Name, That echoes on eternal shores;
With all believers who have come before, Jesus Christ forevermore. Your love is amazing, Grace never fails me; You are the saving One, You reach from the heavens; Hope of the nations, You are the saving One.

There is a light, Forever beautiful and bright;
Undivided by the darkest night, The Morning Star Jesus Christ. The rivers clap their hands, The mountains bow their heads; And all creation cries,

Your praise will never end, Your praise will never end, Your praise will never end!

"The Saving One," by Passion Worship Band.