

We believe healthy rhythms matter, which is why we encourage groups to break during the summer months. If you do choose to gather at any point, this guide is designed to be used for any week of the series. Each week we'll look at a different Bible character - exploring their story, faith, and failures, and how their life ultimately connects to the Gospel and points us to Jesus.

*NOTE: Weekly "Digging Deeper" guide will return when groups relaunch in the fall (post Labor Day in September).*

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Optional Ice Breakers:

- What's been a high or low point from your week?
- What stood out to you most from Sunday's message?
- Share something unexpected or surprising that happened this past week.

### Explore the Character

1. Anything new or surprising you learned from this person's background, personality, or circumstances?
2. What about this character or their story is most relatable to you?
3. Where do you see faith, trust, obedience, courage, humility, or perseverance?
4. Where do you see weakness, failure, fear, pride, doubt, or struggle?

### See the Bigger Picture

1. What does this person's life reveal about God's character?
2. How does this character fit into God's larger redemptive story?
3. In what ways does this person's life create a longing or need for Jesus?
4. How does Jesus succeed where this person fell short?
5. What aspects of the Gospel become clearer through this character's life?

### Reflection & Application

1. What challenged or encouraged you from this week's message?
2. Is there a trait or pattern in your own life that God may be wanting to shape?
3. What is one takeaway from the message or character?
4. How did this sermon help connect you to Jesus?

### Prayer: Spend time praying together:

- Thank God for His faithfulness throughout generations.
- Praise Him for His grace toward imperfect people.
- Ask God to shape Christlike character in your life.
- Pray for courage, obedience, humility, and trust.
- Share and pray for personal needs within the group.



## MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

**Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast** (Apple Podcasts & Spotify): Listen to weekly sermons (Sunday message posted by Tuesdays)

**Cutting Room Floor Episodes** - Break for the summer, will return in the fall!

## SUMMER EVENTS Learn more at [fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

- **6/12: Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank** | 9a-12:30p
- **6/14: Food Drive** | Bring donations to church lobby
- **6/14: Summer Blast Volunteer Training** | 12p | AMC
- **6/15-6/19: Summer Blast Kids Camp** | 9a-12p
- **6/18-7/5: Malawi Team Trip**
- **6/24: Missionary Meet Up: Kamstras** | 6-8p | FLC
- **7/5-7/11: Hume Lake** (MS & HS Students) & **Camp Alta** (Kids)
- **7/10: Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank** | 9a-12:30p
- **7/12: Food Drive** | Bring donations to church lobby
- **7/25-8/1: Mexico Team Trip**
- **7/22: Missionary Meet Up: Candees** | 6-8p | FLC
- **8/26: Mexico & Malawi Team Reports** | 6-8p | FLC | Dinner & Dessert Potluck

