



1. Opening

Purpose for Digs and Prayer (1 min)

Digs gather to study, pray, and apply the Word of God to our lives. Our hope is that we would increase in our love for God, love for one another, and tell others about Him (Matt 22:37-40; Matt 28:19-20).

Weekly Christian Formation (5 min)

Question 24* Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Answer: Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

Scripture Reference: Colossians 1:21-22

What does this mean? How does it impact our lives?

Recap (5 min)

Recap the last time your Dig Group gathered. How did you apply God's Word over the last week(s)?

2. Bible Study February 22 (30-45 minutes)

*Read the passage aloud together.

*Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage.

Scripture Reference: Revelation 17:1-18

1. What does the prostitute represent in today's context? How do you see the spirit of Babylon in the world today?

2. Why is the prostitute described as being adorned with gold, precious stones, and pearls? What could this represent?

3. In what ways does our society "trade" with the great prostitute, engaging in spiritual infidelity?

4. How does the understanding of the prostitute as the "great city" resonate with the modern concept of worldly and secular influences?

5. Why do you think the beast and the ten kings turn against the prostitute? What does this reveal about the nature of worldly alliances?

6. How does God use the beast and the ten kings to fulfill His words and purposes, and what does this say about God's sovereignty?

7. If God crushed Babylon today, do you think more of your heart would be rejoicing in divine justice or regretting Babylon is gone?

8. When we set our affections, desires, love, and even worship on anything other than God, He calls this "adultery" and "prostitution." How can we develop the same view of sin as God? Why do we not often view sin in this way?

3. Confession and Prayer (30-45 minutes)

Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.

Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people. Pray that you will make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6)

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism.