

Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series:
Biblical Pattern (Week 5) – March 5, 2023



*This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only." (James 1:22) **Step 1: GATHER** with your family or group. **Step 2: REVIEW** and **DISCUSS** the key points and scriptures from the sermon. **Step 3: PRAY** for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.*

DISCUSSION STARTER

Have you ever willingly paid the cost of/for something (tangible, relational, etc) for another person? You may have covered the cost of a meal or groceries for someone. You may have met a need that they were unable to fulfill. You may have accepted blame for something in order to mend a relationship. How do these kinds of actions, when done with an upright heart and without conceit, allow others to see Christ?

DIGGING DEEPER 1

Review: Hebrews 9:22; 10:1-4; 10:10-12. *In order for God to dwell with and have a relationship with his children, he tells Moses sin has to be forgiven and covered. What does sin have to be covered by? (Hebrews 9:22) Was this sacrifice good enough for all sin or temporary? (Hebrews 10:1-4) What is the significance behind Christ sitting down at the right hand of God? (Hebrews 4:10-12)*

DIGGING DEEPER 2

Read John 1:29. *What is the significance behind John referring to Jesus as the "Lamb of God"? (1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 Corinthians 5:21)*

DIGGING DEEPER 3 – Break it down...

Read Colossians 1:19-22 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell _____ in him, (God had established a permanent residence in Christ. Because Jesus was the tabernacle of God's permanent residence) ²⁰ **and through him** (who?) _____ **to reconcile** _____ **. to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace** _____ **through his blood, shed on the cross.** ²¹ **Once you were alienated** _____ **from God and were enemies** _____ **in your mind because of** ²² **your evil behavior.** ²² **But now he has reconciled** _____ **you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—**

DOING THE WORD

In Acts 1:7-8 Jesus is implying to his disciples here that when the presence of God dwells in them they will 'go'. Otherwise, how would they be his 'witnesses....to the ends of the earth'? Salvation is not your destination. It is the pathway to accomplish your purpose. If you are a Christ follower, the presence of God dwells in you. (John 14:16-17) What can you do this week to multiply the image of God? How can you reflect who he is within your sphere of influence?