

# Sermon Discussion Questions

God Is Relational - Welcome Home – Matt Slocum  
Vision Sunday  
31 May 2026  
Sermon Text: Matthew 6:9-15

## AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Relational Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

## RELATIONAL TIME (20-30 min)

Have everyone in the group use one word to describe how they feel **physically**, **emotionally**, **mentally**, and **spiritually**. (Physically I feel \_\_\_\_\_. Emotionally I feel \_\_\_\_\_. ...)

Have each person expand on one of the ways they are feeling by using the **IFAB** method: “**I** feel \_\_\_\_\_ **a**bout \_\_\_\_\_ **b**ecause \_\_\_\_\_.” (For example, “**I** feel *frustrated* **a**bout *the sudden change of plans* **b**ecause *I rearranged my schedule for a different time.*”)

## MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

In his message this week, **Welcome Home**, Matt aligns us with Jesus’ core mission - bring heaven to earth. Let’s dive in and see how we bridge the gap between Sunday morning and real life. Exciting things are happening at New Wine Church!

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to let the Holy Spirit show you blocks and barriers in your life that need to be broken down and broken apart so He can flow through you? What did the Holy Spirit reveal to you? What are you going to do in order to break down these barriers? What changes do you need to make in order for that to happen?
2. Was there something from Matt’s message this week that really had an impact on you?
3. How is New Wine Church part of God’s restoration project for the earth? How are you part of this project?
4. In his message, Matt used the word **HOME** to bring out several points about the purpose of the three HOME groups that will be starting in the Fall.

**H - Harmony:** Pursuing unity to strengthen our gospel witness. (John 17:21)

**O - Organic:** Growing naturally through authentic, life-giving relationships. (Acts 2:46)

**M - Missional:** Actively engaging and serving each local community. (Matthew 5:16)

**E - Encouragement:** Lifting up each other and our neighbors through practical acts of care. (1 Thes 5:11)

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is your favorite family vacation destination? Why?
2. If your life was summed up by a flavor, what would it be?
3. What is a certain food that always makes you think of your childhood?

Take some time as a group and talk about each of these points. How can we practically work toward each of these pillars of HOME?

How will these HOME groups help us live out the mission and vision of New Wine Church? How will they help us grow together as the body of Christ? How will they help you grow personally?

## **APPLICATION**

Now is a good time to pray and commit to attending and being part of one of the HOME groups when they start up in the Fall. Step into this life-giving, life-changing experience and become relational. Use these groups to allow the Holy Spirit to flow in and through you to develop deep relationships. Pray this prayer, “God, what are you calling me into?”

## **COMING UP**

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

**Child Dedications**, 14 June, 10:00 am, Antioch Middle School, 2100 NE 65th St, Gladstone, MO.

Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+b3dwdjd>

**Kids Camp**, 10-2, 8-10 July. Kids ages 4 through outgoing 5th Graders are invited to attend Kids Camp this summer at PowerPlay. Kids will learn about God while having fun with their friends. Camp cost is \$75 and includes a T-shirt, lunch, and an hour of play each day.

Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+7cr4cdt>

Volunteer at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+mffwbx9>

**The PRESS Summer Youth Retreat**, 21-24 July, BOLD conference in KC. Retreat cost is \$350 and is for incoming 6th graders - graduating 12th graders welcome! BOLD is a powerful gathering of students from across the nation who are passionate about pursuing God. Over four days, students will experience passionate worship, impactful messages, powerful moments of prayer, and opportunities to grow deeper in their faith alongside thousands of other young people.

Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sck84cc>

## **FINAL THOUGHT**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**