

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Re-Building The House – Matt Slocum  
26 November 2023  
Sermon Text: Matthew 6:9-13

## AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

## PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

## MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

Did you know church has a culture? Some are healthy but many are toxic. New Wine Church has a mission to be a place where heaven meets earth which comes straight from the Lord's Prayer, "on earth as it is in heaven." If you want to know what a TOV (Good) culture should look like, this week's message, "Re-Building the House", is going to encourage you.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Think about what a toxic environment looks like. What are some things that might make a church "toxic"? How does this type of environment affect the lives of believers? How might it affect your life?

2. Several times Matt has said that to understand the scriptures we need to use the following approach:

THEM – US – ME

How does this approach help us better understand the scripture?

3. During this mini-series, we are looking at the four pillars of New Wine Church:
  - a. God Is Good
  - b. Everyone Is Significant
  - c. Nothing Is Impossible
  - d. On Earth As In Heaven

What do each of these pillars mean? How can we practically live these out in our lives? In the life of the church? How do these pillars help us be a "TOV" church?

## 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. Was there a memorable event from this year's Thanksgiving?
2. Real or artificial Christmas tree?
3. When do Christmas decorations go up? When do they come down?

## **APPLICATION**

Take some time to reflect this week and ask yourself if you are bringing any toxic behaviors or attitudes to New Wine Church. If there is anything the Holy Spirit brings to mind, pray that He will remove them from your life. You might want to share with your group and have them pray with you.

## **COMING UP**

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on at NWC, go to <https://nwckc.com> or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Study materials are also available on the website or Facebook page.

**Christmas at New Wine Church**, 23 Dec at 6:00 pm and 24 Dec at 9 and 11 am. Oak Park High School, 825 NE 79th Terrace, Kansas City, MO.

## **FINAL THOUGHT**

**In a world where the culture is toxic, we need to be a “TOV” church.**