

Sermon Discussion Questions

Steadfast Love – Matt Slocum

15 March 2026

Sermon Text: Lamentations 3:1-8

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20-30 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

In this week's message, **Steadfast Love**, Pastor Matt gets real with us. This sermon is for the one who feels tired, unseen, and maybe even a little numb inside. For the one who's prayed and wondered why heaven is quiet. For the one who has smiled on the outside while hurting on the inside. For the one who knows what it's like to wrestle with pain, disappointment, fear, and the question, "God, where are You?" The good news is that even in your darkest moments, God still sees you, understands you, and loves you with a steadfast love that never fails. Let's dive into the message this week and be encouraged.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to consider if there were things in your life that have led you to a spirit of bitterness. Maybe you find yourself in a bitter situation right now? Were there any steps you have taken to deal with the bitterness and to get it away from you? Share with your group.
2. What is something that really resonated with you from the message this week?
3. Have you ever felt alone? Like God was distant and couldn't hear you? Have you ever felt like God should have, or could have, done something more to help you out of a situation? How did that make you feel?
4. "It's not the information we have about God that matters most. What matters most is the experience we have with God and God's people". What do you think about this statement? How do we experience God and His people? What does that look like in a very practical sense?
5. As humans, we are meant to experience love, not just know about it. What does it look like for us to experience love? Answer that question through the lens of these three questions:

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. Do you have any Spring Break plans?
2. Did you have to scramble this week to cover plants from the cold and snow?
3. Do you have a phobia (eg. spiders, heights, cramped spaces, ...)?

Do they see you?
Do they understand you?
Do they respond to you?

How does it make us feel if we experience love in this way? What happens when we don't?
What does it mean to others if we use this to show "hesed" love to them? What might it look like practically?

APPLICATION

Take some time this week to reflect on if you are only living in the knowledge of God, or if you've actually experienced the love of God. Consider sharing with your group.

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.

Good Friday Service at New Wine Church, 3 April at 6:00pm, Antioch Middle School, 2100 NE 65th St, Gladstone, MO 64118.

Easter At New Wine Church, 5 April at 9:00 and 11:00, Antioch Middle School, 2100 NE 65th St, Gladstone, MO 64118. Invite your friends and family to attend with you as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

FINAL THOUGHT

Those who have experienced the love of God are fearless.