



**MONTEREY  
CHURCH**  
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## **SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE**

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### **WELCOME**

Share one thing you are grateful for in the past week.

### **WORSHIP**

Listen to *Shout To The Lord* | feat. Jessie Harris | Gateway Worship  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkTJ9jkIOSE>

### **WORD**

*Message Title:* "God, Man and Land" by Pastor Bryan James, 1/18/2026

*Scriptures:*     [Zechariah 4](#)

1. Throughout Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation, the 3 major elements of God's covenant with humanity have been *God, man* and *land*, with one ultimate purpose. What is it?
2. What evidence do we have that land is a sacred element to our relationship with God today? (In context of the world, our nation, our church, and our families.)
3. *Read Zechariah 4.* Discuss the context of the passage. Who is it written for and why? What do you think is the major theme and purpose of the author's words?
4. Zechariah purposed to motivate, encourage, and challenge the Israelites to rebuild the Temple and remember to put their hope and faith in God's word and promises. Why is the rebuilding of the temple so important to God? Why do you think the Israelites were so resistant to rebuilding it?
5. Read verse 6. What attributes of God are reflected here? When we feel 'hosed' (or tired, defeated, under-resourced), how can we exercise faith in these words to carry us along?
6. "The church is more than a building." How is this sentiment both good and flawed?
7. What is the relevance of Zechariah's words to our existence as a church today, with the recent purchase of Opal Road? How does it challenge and/or encourage you?
8. What is it between hearing, believing and receiving God's words and promises that *faith leading to action* doesn't happen? (What gets in the way?) What do you think God is teaching us about faith that leads to action? What is He impressing upon you personally about this?

### **WITNESS**

Begin to pray with intention that God would use us, every member, to be a witness for Him in our new community. Ask him to increase your faith and embolden you with His spirit so that personal faith may lead to action.

### **CLOSING PRAYER & INTERCESSION**

Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Allow space to wait and listen for God to speak, as you pray.