

DISCUSSION GUIDE



"The Mountain & the Tree"
The Monterey Way, Part 1
Pastor Bryan James
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WELCOME *Meet at the front of Sanctuary for Welcome & Prayer, Worship, and Sermon Synopsis & Discussion Guide*

WORSHIP *"10,000 Reasons" – Matt Redman*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtwlT8JjddM>

WORD [1 Chronicles 29:11-13](#), [Hebrew 4:12-13](#), [Matt. 28:18-20](#),
[Ephesians 4: 11-13](#), [1 Peter 2:4-5](#), [Colossians 3:23-24](#),
[John 15:5](#), [John 8:31-32](#)

1. Share 1 nugget that uniquely spoke to you and 1 question that you have after hearing this week's message.
2. What does "Monterey" mean and why is it significant to the church?
3. *Read David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29:11-13.* Like David, do you live by the conviction that Jesus Christ is the "Lord of All"? What do you think it means for our church and its individual members to live through the Lordship of Christ the King and for the glory of God?
4. What is our *Purpose Statement*?
5. What is our *Vision Statement*?
2. **THE MOUNTAIN**— The illustration of the Mountain is for the purpose of providing a biblical order/structure for the church.
 - As a group, go through 'the mountain' beginning with the Godhead and His Word, then the 4 segments that follow. Share what you think each segment means. Take time to read the Scriptures referenced. Ask questions. (REMINDER: There is no 'stupid' question, only the unasked one!)
 - What insights did you gain about God, His Church, and/or your calling as the 'priesthood of all believers' through this illustration?
6. **THE TREE**—Read Matthew 28:18-20; John 15:5 and John 8:31.
 - How can we be a thriving 'tree' that bears fruit?
 - Where are you in your spiritual journey (from saved to disciple to disciple-maker)? How do you see God's hand in maturing you in Christ? Share with the group as you feel led.

WITNESS This week, remember that you are a "bridge" (a priest!) connecting those who are lost to their Savior. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead you in your witness to the lost; may we be vessels who "bridge" the gap.