

SAC Small Groups Discussion Guide – May 24th, 2026

This guide comes with the expectation that even if someone has missed the Sunday service, they have watched the sermon before coming to their small group.

Fellowship Time

Make sure to have time where people can chat and catch up. This section could include a dinner together, having a potluck, preparing snacks, etc. The key to this section is make people feel welcomed and seen.

Read the Scripture & Overview Aloud Together

This section contains the text and a brief summary of the sermon that was preached on Sunday. It will have the main point explained as a way to help those remember the sermon. This is not an in-depth overview because the expectation is that everyone will take the time to listen to the sermon. Make sure to read this aloud for everyone to hear.

Text

John 15:12-13

¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Matthew 20:30-34

³⁰Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" ³¹The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" ³²Jesus stopped and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. ³³"Lord," they answered, "we want our sight." ³⁴Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Overview of Sermon

This week, we looked at our final community commitment of partnership which is defined as: We are sacrificially serving together for God's Kingdom in central Surrey and around the world. We desire to move from "me to we" as we love and serve others. We recognize that as a church, central Surrey is a large area that is only going to continue growing for the years to come and that we cannot do the work alone but are in need of other Kingdom partners to advance the gospel. Pastor Mike broke the community commitment into five points for us.

The first point that we are tasked with is sacrificially serving others. The greatest example of this comes from Jesus who ultimately laid down his life for the sake of others. This isn't convenient or easy because people are complex and respond in different ways (even with hate). The second point is that we serve others for God's Kingdom. Jesus sends out his disciples in the power of the Holy Spirit, to witness to the lost in order to advance the Kingdom of God. Which leads to the third point, that God has called us to do this in central Surrey and around the world. Locally, there are numerous faith-based organizations that are doing incredible work and globally, we are a part of a mission's minded denomination that has sent International Workers all over the globe for the sake of the Kingdom.

Our fourth point is that we as a church desire to move from me to we. This is viewing ourselves as one who is a part of the community instead of adopting the common cultural "me first and me only" narrative. Our final point is that as we make this shift, the goal is to love and serve others. Like so many of His interactions with people, we find that Jesus had compassion. His heart was moved and He responded to meet their needs. He gave His time to notice and respond to the brokenness of others. And that, is what we must do as well.

Discussion Questions

These questions are prompts to help the group have meaningful dialogue over the sermon this past weekend. Do not feel the need to ask all these questions. You are more than welcome to create your own questions or mix the questions together.

Connection to Other (Icebreaker/Light)

- What is a pet peeve of yours?

Connection to Head (Study/Knowledge Questions)

- What do these passages teach us about God?
- What do these passages teach us about humanity?

Connection to Heart (Deeper Engagement)

- Jesus stopped for two blind men despite the crowd's objections, demonstrating compassion that moved Him to action. Who are the people on the margins that God might be calling you to notice and serve?

- Why do you think that Jesus emphasizes serving together with others instead of a solo act? What are the benefits?
- What is a practical way that Surrey Alliance can partner with other Kingdom minded organizations or churches?

Reflect and Discuss the Practice and Prayer.

This is an opportunity for accountability and formation in your group. Accountability to ensure people are practicing the practices and formation because we believe that these practices will shape and form us into the people that God intended us to be. Take time to practice this together and reflect on each person's experience of these practices.

Practice: How are you collaborating with others and using your God-given gifts, skills, and resources to respond to opportunities and meet needs in our community?

Prayer: Father, we long to see our community flourish as it is transformed by the love and grace of Jesus. Show us how we can sacrificially love and serve our community. Help us to be courageous and creative as we partner together for the sake of Jesus in our city. Amen.

Prayer Together.

Take some time to pray with each other. This is not a time for gossip or to be cynical, this is an opportunity to share with each other our burdens, to celebrate and praise God together, and to pray expectantly that God would move.