

## **SAC Small Groups Discussion Guide – May 31, 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 this Overview Aloud Together**

This section contains 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.

This week's sermon explored our identity and calling as a church through the lens of being "Here for Good." Drawing from Jeremiah 29 and 33, we examined how God calls us to settle, dwell, and actively participate in the flourishing of our community—not as exiles waiting to escape, but as ambassadors of Christ's reconciling love.

Just as God promised restoration to Israel, He continues His healing work in us, transforming us and helping us move from desolation to celebration. This transformation, which begins in our hearts, inevitably overflows into our relationships and community, making us conduits of God's goodness in central Surrey. The implications for our spiritual life are profound: we are called to move from independence to dependence on God, from isolation to community, and from receiving grace to extending it to others.

### **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.

1. Do you have any questions about the passage or the sermon?
2. Share about a time when someone unexpectedly showed up for you or your family in a meaningful way. How did their presence make a difference?
3. How does the journey from desolation to celebration mirror your own spiritual journey, and what role does repentance play in that transformation?
4. In what ways might God be calling you to 'settle down' and invest in your community rather than waiting for circumstances to improve or looking for an escape?
5. Which of the four community commitments—prayer, practice, presence, or partnership—feels most challenging for you to embrace, and why?

**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.

Reflect on this question and prayer for the week: Jesus, how are you inviting me to live into the commitments of prayer, practice, presence, and partnership?

Consider what unique role you will play as a co-laborer with God in making central Surrey a flourishing community centered on Jesus, transformed by His grace, and committed to loving and serving others.

**End in Prayer**

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.