

DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES

# DISCUSSION GUIDES

EVERY MONDAY

## Discussion Guide Sunday Sermon 6.21.26



### Part 29: The Gospel in Everyday Life

This guide is designed to help your family or group take what was taught on Sunday and move from simply hearing the information to applying it in ways that build up and encourage one another. Feel free to adjust the depth and number of questions based on your time and the size of your group.

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## Opening Prayer

Begin with prayer, asking God to open hearts and minds to His Word and to help the group apply these truths to their daily lives.

### Ice Breaker

Share one thing you're grateful for this week and one area where you feel challenged in your walk with God.

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## Key Sermon Points

### 1. We Are Challenged to Be Generous (1 Corinthians 16:1-4)

- The church collected offerings to help believers in Jerusalem
- We are stewards of God's resources, not owners
- Generosity reflects our understanding of the gospel

### 2. We Are Challenged to Submit Our Plans to God (1 Corinthians 16:7)

- Paul's phrase: "If the Lord permits"
- Planning is good, but must be submitted to God's sovereignty
- God's will matters more than our agenda

### 3. We Are Challenged to Seize Gospel Opportunities (1 Corinthians 16:9)

- God opens doors for ministry
  - Opposition doesn't mean it's not God's will
  - We must be bold and brave in walking through open doors
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## Discussion Questions

### On Generosity

1. **What does it mean to you that "we are stewards of God's resources"?** How does this perspective change the way you view your finances, time, and talents?
2. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8.** What does it mean to be a "cheerful giver"? What prevents us from giving cheerfully?

3. **The sermon mentioned the church went from \$2 million in debt to financial freedom.** How does God's faithfulness in the past encourage us to be generous in the present?
4. **Are you known as a generous person?** What's one practical way you could grow in generosity this week?

### **On Submitting Plans to God**

5. **Look at your plans for the rest of the year.** Are they submitted to God, or are they just what you've decided to do? What's the difference?
6. **James 4:13-15 rebukes arrogant planning.** Share a time when God redirected your plans. How did you respond? What did you learn?
7. **The sermon said, "God is not concerned with our convenience and comfort."** How does this challenge the way we approach decision-making?
8. **What does it practically look like to "hold plans loosely" while still planning diligently?**

### **On Seizing Gospel Opportunities**

9. **Paul saw "a great and effective door" but also "many adversaries."** Why do we often assume that difficulty means something isn't God's will?
10. **What "open doors" for ministry might God be placing in front of you right now?** (At work, in your neighborhood, with family, etc.)
11. **What fears or obstacles keep you from walking through those doors?** How can this group pray for and encourage you?
12. **Read 1 Corinthians 16:13.** What does it mean to "watch, stand fast, be brave, be strong" in the context of gospel ministry?

### **On Eternity and Urgency**

13. **The sermon ended with a sobering reminder about God's holiness and coming judgment.** How does understanding God's wrath help us appreciate the cross more deeply?

14. **"When you die, there is no other opportunity to make a change."** How should this truth affect the way we live and share our faith?

15. **Who in your life needs to hear about Jesus?** What's keeping you from sharing with them?

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## Key Takeaways

Write these down and discuss which one resonates most with each person:

- **Theology is meant to be lived out** in everyday life, not just studied.
  - **We don't collect to hoard; we collect to bless** the world with the gospel.
  - **"If the Lord permits"** should be our attitude toward all our plans.
  - **Opposition doesn't disqualify God's calling**—it often accompanies it.
  - **God's holiness demands a response**—either repentance or judgment.
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## Practical Applications

### This Week's Challenge

Choose **one action step** from each category to implement this week:

#### Generosity:

- Give sacrificially to a specific need (in the church, community, or missions)
- Identify one area where you've been hoarding resources and make a plan to be generous
- Pray daily: "God, show me how to steward Your resources for Your glory"

#### Submitting Plans:

- Review your calendar/plans for the next month and literally pray "if the Lord permits" over each commitment
- Share your plans with a trusted friend and ask them to help you discern God's will
- Practice saying "no" to something good to say "yes" to God's best

#### Gospel Opportunities:

- Pray specifically for God to open a door for ministry this week
- Initiate a spiritual conversation with one person who doesn't know Jesus
- Ask God to give you courage to walk through a door He's already opened

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## Reflection Questions for Personal Time

1. What is my reputation? Am I known as generous, submitted to God, and bold for the gospel?
2. Where am I being apathetic or complacent in my spiritual life?
3. How am I stewarding the time, resources, and opportunities God has given me?
4. Am I living with urgency about eternity, or have I become comfortable?

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## Memory Verse

**2 Corinthians 9:8** - "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

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## Prayer Focus

- **Confession:** Areas where we've been selfish, self-directed, or fearful
- **Thanksgiving:** For God's provision, sovereignty, and open doors
- **Intercession:** For unsaved friends and family members
- **Commitment:** To be generous, submitted, and bold for the gospel

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## Closing Prayer

Have someone close in prayer, specifically asking God to:

- Make this group generous with all He's given
  - Help everyone submit their plans to His will
  - Give boldness to walk through every door He opens
  - Create urgency about sharing the gospel with those who are lost
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