

# weekly guide

in the wake of tragedy  
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Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you make the next move.

## **City Group Icebreaker:** *Questions to Get You Talking*

- How do you balance taking action with trusting God? Do you have any guidelines for how much effort is too much (or too little) in any given situation?

**Key Scriptures:** I John 2:15-17, Ephesians. 2:2, Romans 12:2, Romans 8:38-39.

**The Problem:** When tragedy strikes it is difficult to trust God.

**Our Response:** When tragedy strikes, it is crucial to remember that you can bring your fears and questions to God.

**The Essential Questions:** By narrowing the focus on your work to questions such as these, you'll be able to appropriate a healthy spiritual vision for how your faith and family intersect.

What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?

- What is helping you process through this tragedy?
- How has God used difficult times in your life to bring you closer to Him?
- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?
- In what areas of your life do you need to trust God more?

## **Move Up.** Connect to Christ

- In light of that, how do you anchor yourself in the aftermath of the most recent world tragedy or evil that has very likely triggered a sea of anxiety, doubt, fear and questions about the presence of an all-powerful and loving God?

## **Move Out.** Connect to Culture.

- "There is a power of evil at work among humans that organizes thought into patterns of tragedy that is in direct opposition to the kingdom of God." How has tragedy hindered you in loving your near ones as self?

## **Move In.** Connect Culture to Christ.

- In what ways can God use the tragedy that you are experiencing in your life to bring people into relationship with Him?

**Why This Matters:** Every tragedy brings pain, sadness and difficult emotions. But in the midst of this, let's remember that the light shines brightest in the darkness, and it is in times like these that many people are most open to hearing the gospel.

## **We Our Pastor(s) want you to:**

- **KNOW:** God knows and understands the hopes and fears we keep in our hearts. In fact, He's the best listener
- **EXPERIENCE:** Greater security, confidence, and look for opportunities to take what Satan meant for evil and let God use it for good.
- **DO:** When tragedy strikes, it is crucial to remember that you can bring your fears and questions to God.