



SBSG – Sermon Series – Chaotic: Gates of Hades (North Oak)

The Purpose of a Sermon Based Small Group (to be read at the beginning of each gathering)

The purpose of our small group is to actively pursue Christ through relationships, as we worship, serve, and belong together.

READ ALOUD BY ALL (allow this prayer to shape your time together)

Dear God, help me in this dialogue to be humble & suspend judgment. I recognize that we are all created in your image. Give me courage to stay curious about each other by asking questions. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to meet together and in so doing grow closer to you. AMEN

Sermon: Chaotic

Opening question: In what ways have you seen people hide from evil in the world?

Sermon Synopsis: Jesus tells Peter that he would build his church on Peter and that not even the gates of Hades can prevail against it. In our world today would you say the church takes an offensive position against evil or a defensive position? How is it that we can be effective at confronting the evils of this world?

Bible Reading

Reading the Bible is about reading for practice and spiritual formation – spiritual formation, in which the reader seeks to be formed by the Spirit of God.

Passage(s) from the sermon: Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV)

What questions do you have about the passages/sermon?

What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

Discipleship Point: The call of Christ is to advance not retreat.

Do you tend to think more about what you're against or for?

Prayer

Share a one or two sentence prayer request with the Small Group for this next week. Remember these prayer requests are about your life not someone else's.

(Sample Prayer)

God, we thank you for your presence with us. We lift up these requests to you knowing that you care deeply about us...we pray for _____ and _____ and (fill in prayer requests) ... God we know that you have heard our request and we release all outcomes to you and your glory. It's in your Son's name Jesus that we pray...**AMEN.**



SBSG – Sermon Series – Chaotic: The Temple (Platte County)

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Series: Chaotic

Opening question: In what ways do people build walls (both literally and figuratively)?

Sermon Synopsis: God commanded that a temple be built in Jerusalem where Jews could worship. Because the temple was the dwelling place of God, the place God chose to bear his name and house his presence on earth, it was the focal point of Jewish worship and culture. This is the temple where Jesus worshiped and taught. What can we learn from the design of the temple and what took place there has profound impact on our lives today.

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Passage(s) from the sermon: Matthew 26:57-68, Matthew 27:50-54, Hebrews 10:19-25, Galatians 3:28-29 (NRSV)

What questions do you have about the passages/sermon?

What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

Discipleship Point: God calls us to tear down walls

What walls do you feel God calling you to tear down?

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SBSG – Sermon Series – Chaotic: Piercing the Darkness (Gladstone)

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Sermon: Chaotic

Opening question: Where do you see evil in the world or in your life?

Sermon Synopsis: We can all identify places and segments of our culture in which evil influences are particularly active. It can be much more difficult, however, for us to identify where the light of God is piercing the spiritual darkness in those arenas. Yet Jesus shows us those “type” areas are exactly where he is leading us.

Bible Reading

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Passage(s) from the sermon: Luke 8:26-40 (NRSV)

What questions do you have about the passages/sermon?

What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

Discipleship Point: God calls us to pierce the darkness in the world.

How might God be calling you to be a light for Christ in the presence of evil?

Prayer

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