

# Community Group Discussion Guide

## Step 01: Recap what our current series is all about.

**Note:** Remind the group what series we're currently on (since not everyone will have been at church recently) and read through the series description provided below to refresh everyone on what it's all about.

**Series Title:** Live On Mission

**Description:** The Church has never been about collecting Christians that simply agree with Jesus' teachings. We are supposed to be a force for good; for justice; for love. There are things Jesus commanded and commissioned us to do and he expects us to do them! We want to be a church that is intentionally living on mission.

## Step 02: Recap of this week's message.

**Note:** Read through the message outline with everyone briefly. You can stop and make comments as you see fit or read straight through it. Make sure you take time to read through the main text.

**Message Title:** The Obstacles

**Main Text:** Matthew 13:1-9

**Supporting Texts:**

**Message Outline:**

Main Thought: Our actions toward other can either add rocks to the soil of people's hearts, or remove them.

*How can we do that?*

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1. Learn Who They Are
  - Ask more questions, make fewer statements.
  - Christians should be the best listeners on the planet.
2. Love Who They Are
  - Matt. 5:43-44 “Love your enemies...”
  - Our job is to love people, no matter what.
3. Tell Them Who They Are
  - Don’t assume people see the good about themselves. When you see it, speak it!

### Step 03: Lead group discussion.

**Note:** Do your best to keep the discussion going. Make sure you have read through the questions beforehand and are primed with thoughts of your own. Make everyone get specific with *how* they will apply this message in their own lives and in community—*no vague ideas allowed!*

#### Specific to this week’s message:

1. Why is it so important that we love people unconditionally?
2. What is the balance between speaking out against sin, and loving people the way Jesus does?

#### General questions:

3. How did this message encourage you? How did it convict you?
4. What is your plan for applying this message to your personal/daily life?
5. What might it look like for us to live this out in community?
6. Was there anything about this message that stood out to you?