



PERSPECTIVES

TOOLS FOR CREATING A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW | ROMANS 12:2

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WEEK 1: MADE FOR CONNECTION

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

In this sermon, Pastor reminds us that connection isn't just a desire— we are designed by God for it. Drawing from Scripture and the early church followers, he challenges our modern ideals of autonomy and invites us to embrace interdependence. We are made for community, and God encourages us to grow—not in isolation, but in meaningful relationship.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

Genesis 2

John 15

Acts 2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Designed for Connection

Genesis 2 shows us that we're designed for connection—to live in relationship and partnership with others.

- a. When you think about "community," what does that mean to you personally?
- b. Why do you think being in community is part of God's design for us?

Community Isn't Always Easy

2 Let's be honest—building community can be hard, and it's often easier to stay isolated.

- a. What are some challenges you've faced when it comes to forming meaningful connections with others?
- b. What have those struggles taught you that could help someone else who feels alone?

3 Choosing Community

Our culture values independence, but the early church knew we're made to live interdependently.

- a. Have there been times when your desire to be independent kept you from leaning into community? Why?
- b. What rhythms or habits might God be inviting you into that challenge you toward more intentional community?

4 We Need Each Other

This week's message reminded us: we need people, and people need us. Community is mutual.

- a. What are some simple ways you can remind yourself—and others—that we're not meant to do life alone?
- b. Is there someone in your life right now who might need encouragement or support? What could that look like from you?

5

Jesus Community

You can't follow Jesus alone. Part of growing in faith is helping others do the same.

- a. How does the idea that "you can't follow Jesus alone" show up in your own faith journey?
- b. Can you think of someone who's helped shape your walk with Jesus? What impact did they have?

DIVE DEEPER

Personal Reflection: God made community for healthy connection, but people have not always been perfect in community.

- Have people in community discouraged you in the past, making it difficult to seek deeper connection?
- Have you felt unworthy or not enough because of this pain? What truth is God trying to speak to restore hope in community?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Healthy Connections: Throughout this week, write down:

- How can you create healthy connection each day.
- What truth is He speaking over you to heal past pain (Scripture or prayer).

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you be brave to heal from past wounds and live out healthy community.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 5:7: *"Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you."*

Let the group rest in that promise as you close together in prayer.



WEEK 2: MADE FOR GROWTH

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

In his sermon, Pastor explores the transformative power of community, emphasizing that "you can never fully see yourself by yourself." Pastor reminds us that while we might never reach our full potential on this side of eternity, we are called to look more like Jesus, which flourishes in the rich soil of community. As we lean into community, we get the opportunity to learn about ourselves, others, and God, encouraging each other to grow into who God sees us to be.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

Proverbs 27

Romans 12

Hebrews 10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 New Perspective

Sometimes our own perspective can be limited or unclear, but Jesus uses community to help us see ourselves and our situations more truthfully.

- a. Has someone ever helped you see a situation differently through their perspective?
- b. Can you think of a time when someone's encouragement made a big difference for you?

2 Truth in Love

We grow best in a community that speaks truth in love and is willing to serve others beyond just our circle.

- a. Why might God use others in your life to reveal something true about you?
- b. How can your group become a place that listens to God's voice and encourages one another in love and truth?

3 Being like Jesus

The sermon invites us to grow into the people Jesus is shaping us to be, following His example and increasing in nearness to Him.

- a. In what ways are you trying to grow more like Jesus?
- b. What are some practical ways your group can live out Jesus' teachings in everyday life?

4 Biblical Approach

Romans 12:9-21 encourages unity by not giving into evil but holding on to what is good.

- a. Have you ever been encouraged by a friend or group to respond in a healthy way during a tough time?
- b. How can you offer that same kind of support when someone else is facing something hard?

REMINDER: *Nearing ourselves to Jesus in community places us closer to His heart. Closeness spurs us to change in the presence of God.*

DIVE DEEPER

Personal Reflection: God wants us to grow, which typically means we are challenged to think and act differently than we used to.

- Where is God encouraging you to grow? Why are you hesitant to choose growth?
- What do you think God's reaction is when you don't choose growth?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Growing healthily: This week, think about and write down:

- Where God wants you to grow.
- How can we live into this growth each day.
- What does God think of me, even when I mess up

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you have strength to grow and to grow in His grace, which is greater than we know.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:6-7: *"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."*

Let the group rest in this encouragement as you close together in prayer.

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WEEK 3: MADE FOR MISSION

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

In the sermon *“Made for Mission,”* Pastor challenges the idea of self-sufficiency, showing through Scripture that real hope is found in unified community. We’re not meant to act alone—Jesus’ call to “you” is a call to “us.” Each person plays a vital role in God’s mission, and together we become a beacon of hope the world desperately needs. Jesus’ heart is for our community to be the means by which His love is portrayed to others. This is a reminder He created us to be made for mission—together.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

Matthew 5

John 17

Acts 1

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Community of Hope

The sermon emphasizes the importance of being part of something bigger than us, highlighting the need for a community that brings hope to the world.

- a. What does it mean to be part of a community that carries hope?
- b. In what ways can you contribute to your community to help carry hope and make a difference?

2 Jesus Calls Us

Jesus calls us to do good work, and the pastor suggests that when Jesus says 'You,' it often means 'Us,' encouraging a collective participation.

- a. How can we work together as a community to do good work?
- b. Can you think of a specific ministry where your community could collaborate to make a positive impact?

3 Hope is Needed

The pastor states that the world needs a community carrying hope, given by Jesus, implying that hope is in short supply right now.

- a. In what ways do you think the world is currently lacking hope?
- b. How can you personally identify and address these areas of hopelessness in your family, job, or community?

4 Communal Transformation

The sermon explains that Jesus' teaching is meant to affect the lifestyle of the community, rather than just the individual.

- a. Why do you think that Jesus desires to transform the lifestyle of the community? How does this affect our lives as individuals?
- b. How can you, as a community, respond together to urge each other to live into the lifestyle of the Spirit?

5

Blessing of Community

The message highlights a common lie that we can make a difference alone and stresses the importance of community in enacting change.

- a. How can we shift our mindset from believing we must make a difference alone to understanding the power of community?
- b. Reflect on a time when you felt supported by a community; how did that experience influence your actions?

DIVE DEEPER

Personal Reflection: God wants us to give hope to others in community, but sometimes we feel too low on hope also.

- Where do you see signs of hopelessness around you?
- How might we partner with Jesus and our community to find hope in our own situations?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Finding Hope: This week, think about and write down:

- A promise in Scripture to hold onto daily.
- How this promise encouraged you.

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and your community to be hope for others.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 41:10: *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

Let the group rest in that promise as you close together in prayer.



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