

Engaging with your Group
&
Sermon-based Questions
Summer 2026

This summer, we encourage you to look for some fun ways to engage with your group. The following are some ideas:

- Gather for a BBQ or a meal at someone's house. Rotate homes throughout the summer.
- Go for a hike
- Meet at the beach, enjoy the sunset, and share time connecting around a bonfire
- Gather for a game night
- Find a way to serve with each other. Serve at a soup kitchen, join a Love Esco project, pray for church family members who are serving in our community and overseas, support a student that is going to camp, serve at VBS, etc.
Visit our "Join a Team" page and find a way to serve at EFCC:
<https://www.efcc.org/teams/>
- Connect through a weekly group text. Each person shares a highlight and a prayer request each week.

Summer Sermon Series: Galatians

Starting on June 21, our pastors will be preaching through the book of Galatians. Group questions will not be sent out each week, but creating engaging Group questions can be done by anyone - including you!

The following is a template that can help.

During the Sermon:

- Take notes. What is God saying to you? What stands out to you about the Scripture being discussed?
- As questions arise in your own soul, jot them down. If the Holy Spirit is bringing a question to mind, chances are that others in your group may have the same question and would like to engage in further discussion.
- Grab your phone and take photos of slides that catch your attention. This will allow you to return to Scripture and quotes you may want to discuss.

GROUP QUESTIONS

Welcome & Check-In

- Icebreaker question:
This often comes from the first few minutes of the sermon, a story or attention getter that most people can relate to in one way or another.
- *Where have you seen God at work in your life since we last met?*

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FOLLOWING JESUS: Scripture & Reflection

1. Read (Sermon Scripture Passage) out loud as a group.
What words or phrases stand out to you?
What questions do you have?
2. Identify and discuss other Scripture that was mentioned during the sermon and how it pertained to the focus of the message.

IN COMMUNITY: Sharing & Support

3. What is Jesus saying to you?
4. How do you feel about what he is saying?
5. How can your group support you?

ON MISSION: Next Steps

6. What are you going to do in response?
7. Who will you share this with?

Prayer:

- Revisit and add to your prayer list, then pray for one another.
- Sometimes the pastor provides a prayer that was written by an author - read the prayer out loud, pausing to consider the significance of the words.
- Pray from your heart! You have the privilege of having a conversation with your Creator!

For Further Reflection this Week:

During the weekly sermon, a Spiritual Practice is often recommended. Look for this!
You can also find other practices on our website: <https://www.efcc.org/resources/>