



Week 2 Discussion Guide

Reviewing the Message

Sunday's message talked about how to read biblical narratives by paying attention to the full story God is telling, not just individual verses or moments. Let's review the core ideas and Scripture shared in the message.

1. What illustration did the message use to explain the difference between reading the Bible as "highlights" versus "the film"?
 2. What are the three main elements of biblical narrative discussed in the message? And how does each help us read Scripture more faithfully? (*Hint: plot, characters, setting*)
 3. Why does the message say meaning in biblical stories comes from movement rather than isolated moments? What does that mean?
 4. How does the story of Solomon and the dedication of the temple in 2 Chronicles 5–7 fit into Israel's larger story?
 5. What warning and promise does God give Solomon after he fills the temple with glory?
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Connecting to the Message

Sunday's message talked about how biblical stories help us understand our own patterns, faithfulness, and relationship with God over time. Let's explore how this message intersects with our personal experiences and values.

6. In what ways do we tend to read Scripture looking for quick application instead of understanding the larger story?
 7. How did the idea that “biblical characters are mirrors, not models” challenge or encourage you?
 8. Where do you see the tension between God’s presence and human faithfulness reflected in your own life or in the church today?
 9. How does the setting of the temple being a place of God’s presence, yet not a guarantee of obedience, relate to modern Christian life?
 10. What stood out to you about the message’s connection between Old Testament stories and the need for a faithful Savior?
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Applying the Message

Sunday’s message talked about responding to God’s presence with humility, repentance, and long-term faithfulness, not perfection. These final questions focus on how we plan to take next steps and respond to what God is showing us through this message.

11. What is one way you can read Scripture while paying attention to the larger story this week?
12. Are there any patterns in your life that God may be inviting you to notice rather than ignore?
13. What does “returning to God” look like practically for you right now in prayer, repentance, or obedience?
14. How can we help one another pursue faithfulness over time instead of just spiritual high points?
15. Based on this message, what is one concrete step you feel God prompting you to take in the coming week?