

Small Group Agenda

Week of October 12, 2025

Small groups exist to facilitate meaningful friendship, intentional discipleship, and biblical community. In order to help believers be the disciples God has called them to be.

GOALS FOR THIS MEETING

- Make sure everyone feels known. Begin sharing simple testimonies of how God is working in their lives. Each member should share their story/testimony within the next 2–3 meetings.
- Plan one fellowship activity outside the regular meeting (e.g., a meal, hike, or game night). This should happen at any time in the next month.
- Encourage members to practice intentional care for each other (sending messages, praying during the week).
- Keep a shared prayer list and track how God answers prayers.

If this is your first meeting: (you can also check this section in the agenda for the August 17th meeting)

- Rekindle relationships and meet new members.
- Clarify your group's direction/expectations.
- Briefly discuss the sermon topic.
- Pray for the building of relationships and the spiritual growth of the group.

A) Sharing (10 min)

- Briefly share answers to the following question: If you were gifted a free trip to anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Sharing guidelines— Remember to keep answers short. Give people no more than a minute to share, especially if you have talkative people in your group.

B) Worship (optional) (10 min)

- Bible Reading: John 3:22-35
- Pray around the passage

C) Discussion / Sharing time (using guide provided each week) (30 min)

☐ Read Luke 1:57-80

Note to the leader: Remember that you can choose from these questions. The goal is to facilitate a good discussion around the passage preached on Sunday.

Observe

1. When does Zechariah start prophesying and why?
2. Who or what is the focus of Zechariah's prophecy on?
3. What happens after Zechariah's prophecy?

Reflect

4. What are the themes of Zechariah's song?
5. What does it mean to be strong in the Spirit?
6. What attribute of God would you like to remember and meditate on this week?
7. Through discipline Zechariah learned more about God. What have you learned during difficult experiences that has shaped your relationship with God today?

Apply

8. What did Zechariah say was his son's purpose in life? What is your purpose in life?
9. What idea from Zechariah's song would you most like to share with a friend or family member this week?
10. How would you describe God's ongoing work in the world and at Hillside? How can you be part of this work?

D) Prayer (10 min)

- Pray for one another for the help of the Holy Spirit, for faith to trust God's plan for your lives.
- Pray for your group and the church that God will continue to open doors to share the Gospel. Continue to pray for the people around you who need to trust in Jesus for salvation.