



SERMON DISCUSSION SHEET

WELCOME

- Take time to check in and offer updates from the week. Encourage everyone to share a highlight or lowlight from their week as well as any prayer requests.
- **Icebreaker:** Describe the best or worst vacation you've had. Why was it or wasn't it fun?

CONNECT & GROW

- **Each week, questions will be provided to help individuals and groups connect with the sermon and grow deeper in faith. The following questions, prompts and discussion points are meant to help guide both personal devotion and small group conversation. Be open and flexible to additional questions.**
- What stood out to you from the message this week?
- What do you do for fun? What are some things that you don't think are fun? Why?
- Do you or your family have any fun traditions?
- When is it hard to have fun?
- What's the difference between having fun and experiencing joy? Is there a difference?
- Does wanting fun lead to kids/people always thinking of themselves versus others?
- When do you choose fun versus responsibility? Is responsibility the opposite of fun?
- How do you and your family balance fun and finances? For example, do you buy a playoff ticket because it would be fun and memorable versus invest in a savings account for your child's future?
- How do you balance fun and making memories with getting the work done that needs to be done?
- How do you and/or your kids operate...fun first or work first? Is there a right way?
- Is fun lasting or temporary?
- Are there any examples in the Bible of Jesus having fun?
- What was your favorite habit? What was the hardest one for your to apply? (Time, Love, Tribes, Fun, Words, Stories)
 - Time over Time = History (and builds a history worth repeating)
 - Love over Time = Worth (and is the one thing that matters most)
 - Tribes over Time = Belonging (and show us how we belong)
 - Words over Time = Direction (and can impact someone's direction in life)
 - Stories over Time = Perspective (and move us to imagine a world beyond ourselves)
 - Fun over Time = Connection (and makes a friendship go deeper)

CHECK OUT THE BONUS HABIT ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET - WORK OVER TIME!

Refer to the back of this sheet for prompts to use throughout the week during chair time.

CHAIR TIME & PERSONAL PROMPTS

GO

The following questions and prompts are meant to be answered individually, throughout the week during "chair time" or times of personal reflection.

- Look it up! A concordance is an important tool for any student of the Bible. A Bible concordance is an alphabetical index of the principle words found in the Bible. Typically these are found in the back of your Bible, but can also be found online. Using a concordance or the references below, look up and consider some of the references in the Bible to joy, gladness, delight, celebrating, rejoicing.
 - Joy/Joyful: Duet. 16:15, Nehemiah 8:10, Esther 9:22, Psalm 4:7 Psalm 43:4, 51:12, 96:12, Proverbs 10:28, 12:20, Isaiah 35:10, John 15:11, 2 Corinthians 8:2, 1 Thess. 5:16
 - Gladness: Psalm 45:15, Psalm 100:2, Jeremiah 1:10, Matthew 5:12
 - Delight: Psalm 1:2, Proverbs 29:17, Isaiah 61:10, Jeremiah 15:16, Zephaniah 3:17
 - Celebration: Judges 14:10, Matthew 22:2-3, Exodus 23:16, Deuteronomy 16:9-10, Luke 15:11-32
- Consider celebrating a few random holidays with your family: the first/last day of school, National Donut Day, Hamburger Month, Jelly Bean Day, No Socks Days, a driver's license, SAT testing, prom. What else? Look at your calendar and add in fun!

Parents! Think about the following questions taken from the Phases book series:

- What are some activities that make you and your child laugh?
- What are some games or activities you and your child enjoy?
- What are some activities your child enjoys that you could do as a family?
- What are some activities your child enjoys that you could occasionally do together, one-on-one?
- When are the best times of the day, or week, for you to set aside to have fun with your child?
- What are some ways you want to celebrate the special days coming up this year?

BONUS: WORK OVER TIME = GIVES SIGNIFICANCE

The following questions and prompts are meant to be answered individually, throughout the week during "chair time" or times of personal reflection.

- Define "work" within your own life.
- Can work be fun? Do you think it is?
- What are some of your responsibilities? List them. What are some of the expected responsibilities in your family culture? Discuss them with your family. Do they need to be adjusted? Are their responsibilities that are unreasonable or do you need to add to them?
- Which of your responsibilities matters most to you or to your family?
- What are some ways your child already shows responsibility?
- What are some strategies you could employ to keep yourself and/or your child motivated?
- Consider some of the things you hope your child will be able to do independently within the next year. How are you helping them develop those skills now?
- What are some jobs or responsibilities you can pass along to your child?
- Are there stories in the Bible that talk about work?