

# The Small Group Sermon Study

## BECOMING LIKE JESUS - Small Group Resource

### *Objectives*

- To facilitate God speaking to people.
- To live honestly, transparently and authentically with God and with others in community.
- To be in the Word, hearing God and responding to Him.
- To dig deeper into the sermon message together as a small group.

Using a sermon study is a great way to dig deeper into scripture and apply what you've been learning from a sermon.

Benefits of this particular study approach:

- It is a format that enables us to explore Scripture and hear from God for ourselves.
- Simple and reproducible ... anyone can lead this.
- Short on “bible study” prep requirements and long on heart-through-prayer prep from a leader’s perspective.
- Opens doors for the people when they are studying Scripture on their own.
- Can be applied to any sermon and portion of Scripture.
- Is an effective tool for new and not-yet believers.
- Is an effective tool for older believers in discovering again the simple yet profound Word of God and heart of the Father.
- Helps people to explore ways to apply the sermon message to their lives.

### **Opening Prayer**

Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

**A. Review the key points of the sermon.**

1. What did you like or appreciate about this message?

2. What challenged you in this message?

**B. Read the key passages of Scripture from the sermon.**

1. What does this tell us about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)? What do we learn about who He is, how He feels, what actions He takes, etc.?

2. What does this passage tell us about those who follow Jesus (individually and/or the church) and/or those who don't? (How are people responding to God? What are their different responses?)

3. What does this passage tell us about other key characters, Satan, and/or the spiritual realm? What do we learn about their purpose, nature or methods?

4. What don't you understand or what other questions does this passage make you ponder?

**C. Personal reflection: Silently re-read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the sermon, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.**

1. What emotions does this passage or the key theme stir up in you?

2. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?

3. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

**Closing Prayer**

Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).