

SERMON GUIDES

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add in any optional scriptures and questions if needed, then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

God's Plan: God has a Plan | WEEK # 1

01.

INTRODUCTION

This sermon is an introduction to the series God's Plan!?

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Marie described searching for God's plan like a golden egg hunt, we may be rambling through the bushes trying to find God's plan for our life. Describe a time where you felt this was true in your life. **Read Jeremiah 29:10-14 and John 12:4.** With the lens of these scriptures, how could your experience have been different?
2. According to Pastor Marie, we need to seek Jesus and a right relationship with Him. She mentions the "Means of Grace" or channels to draw us into fruitful relationship with Jesus. Through what channels do you seek Jesus? How can the members of your group help encourage you as you explore and practice these channels?
3. We are human and therefore have limited vision, but our creator has a plan for every life through Jesus' finished work on the cross. His plans are always good (divine providence). Through a right relationship we learn God's character. Why is our understanding of God's character so important?
4. **Read Psalm 143:10.** Pastor Marie accentuated the word "do" in this scripture – why?
5. Pastor Marie explained that there is a natural flow that comes from a right relationship that leads to obedience (birthed from our Love for God) and results in spiritual freedom. She called this "lining up our will with God's will". Give an example of how you have seen this work in your life or in the life of another.
6. **Read Psalm 37:4.** Challenge each other to memorize this verse then recite it to each other next week.

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NEXT STEPS

1. Make worship a priority, worship God with your life.
2. Grow in your knowledge of God. Read scripture daily.
3. Serve others through justice in our community.
4. Give to others what God has given to you.
5. Share the Good News.
6. Pray – Ask God to line up your free-will with His divine plan.