



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

**ICE BREAKER:** Answer one or both of these questions: What is your favorite patriotic song (you know, the one that makes you tear up just a bit)? What did you do to celebrate Independence Day this year?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** If your group meets bi-weekly, do 2 & 3.

1. Last week we were encouraged not to forget by looking backward when we consider and partake in the ordinance of communion. This week, Pastor Tom reminded us that the ordinance of communion not only points us to Jesus' cross and death, but it also reminds us Jesus' work didn't end on the cross. Read Acts 1:8-11 and Revelation 20:11-15. What do we know about Jesus' role in the future based on these verses?
2. Pastor Tom challenged us that looking forward to Jesus' coming again should first of all inspire us to experience transformation. Read 2 Peter 3:10-12a, and 14, 1 John 3:1-3 and Titus 2:11-14. How do these verses encourage you to live? Why is it important to live this way? Review Pastor Tom's distinction between holiness and godliness in the Message Notes. Which of these is more challenging for you? Explain. What steps might you take to see God transform this area of your life?
3. Read Matthew 24:14, 28:18-20 and Acts 1:4-8. What does Jesus command us to do in these passages? Pastor Tom stated, "Our generation can only reach our generation." Does the truth of this statement propel you to action? In what ways? Is it difficult for you to invite people to "come and see?" Why or why not? Share a time when you felt urged by God's Spirit to reach out to someone who was far from God. What was the result?
4. Pastor Tom instructed us that when we look forward to Jesus' coming again through communion, we are reassured of our future despite living in a broken world. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11. What do we look forward to according to these verses? How do these verses give you perspective in our current society and culture? How are we encouraged to live as we look forward to our King's return?

## PERSONAL GUIDE FOR WEEK OF JULY 8TH

**DAY 1 - Read Romans 9 & 10**

**DAY 2 - Read Romans 11 & 12** (consider memorizing Romans 12:1-2)

**DAY 3 - Read Romans 13**

**DAY 4 - Read Romans 14 & 15**

**DAY 5 - Read Romans 16**

**DON'T FORGET**

**TO LOOK FORWARD**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 8TH, 2018**

**MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP  
DISCUSSION // PERSONAL GUIDES**



**“Don’t Forget [To Look Forward]”**  
**[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]**

**MESSAGE NOTES**

In the Scriptures we see 2 things that Jesus clearly \_\_\_\_\_: Baptism and Communion.

“O\_\_\_\_\_” = *symbolic reenactments of the truth of the gospel (that Jesus lived, died, rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and is coming back again).*

Communion challenges us...to have the right p\_\_\_\_\_...

*Note I Corinthians 11:26*

...communion not only points us to Jesus’ cross and death, but it also reminds us Jesus’ work didn’t \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross.

*Note Acts 2; 1:8-11*

**1. What Do We Know About the \_\_\_\_\_?**

- A. We’re living right now in the “\_\_\_\_\_” and have been for 2,000 years.
- B. Jesus Christ is coming again.
- C. There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ resurrection.
- D. There will be a \_\_\_\_\_ judgment.

Communion points us to the future of Jesus’ 2nd Coming because when we’re convinced He’s coming again, we’ll be:

**2. Inspired to \_\_\_\_\_ Transformation**

*Note II Peter 3:10-12a, 14; I John 3:1-3; Titus 2:11-14*

Knowing that this world system and material universe is only temporary and that God’s Kingdom is eternal should have a profound effect on what v\_\_\_\_\_ we cling to and what p\_\_\_\_\_ we set in our personal lives...

“\_\_\_\_\_” = separated from sin and to God and His purposes

“\_\_\_\_\_” = dedicated to worshipping and serving the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength

**3. Motivated to \_\_\_\_\_ Outward-Focused**

They understood the connection between \_\_\_\_\_ and the 2nd Coming (*note Matthew 24:14; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:4-8*).

Our g\_\_\_\_\_ can only reach our g\_\_\_\_\_.

**4. \_\_\_\_\_ Despite Living in a Broken World**  
**(note I Thessalonians 5:4-11)**

In this world where evil seems to \_\_\_\_\_ every aspect of the culture; where good is called evil and evil good; where sin and sin’s consequences ravage...lives...the 2nd Coming of Jesus and the final judgment of God encourage and \_\_\_\_\_ us to hang in there...because ultimately Jesus triumphs and we triumph with Him!

*Don’t Forget:*

- Communion reminds us not only of a cross and a Savior...
- ...but also of a \_\_\_\_\_ and a coming King.
- Have you s\_\_\_\_\_ to this King?

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use it to let us know about your commitment, too!



## “Don’t Forget [to Look Forward]”

[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

### MESSAGE NOTES

In the Scriptures we see 2 things that Jesus clearly instituted: Baptism and Communion.

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...communion not only points us to Jesus’ cross and death, but it also reminds us Jesus’ work didn’t end on the cross.

Note Acts 2; 1:8-11

### 1. What Do We Know About the Future?

- A. We’re living right now in the “last days” and have been for 2,000 years.
- B. Jesus Christ is coming again.
- C. There will be a final resurrection.
- D. There will be a final judgment.

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### 2. Inspired to Experience Transformation

Note 2 Peter 3:10-12a, 14; 1 John 3:1-3; Titus 2:11-14

Knowing that this world system and material universe is only temporary and that God’s Kingdom is eternal should have a profound effect on what values we cling to and what priorities we set in our personal lives...

“holiness” = separated from sin and to God and His purposes

“godliness” = dedicated to worshipping and serving the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength

### 3. Motivated to Stay Outward-Focused

They understood the connection between evangelism and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming (note Matthew 24:14; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:4-8).

Our generation can only reach our generation.

### 4. Reassured Despite Living in a Broken World (note 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11)

In this world where evil seems to permeate every aspect of the culture; where good is called evil and evil good; where sin and sin’s consequences ravage...lives...the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus and the final judgment of God encourage and assure us to hang in there...because ultimately Jesus triumphs and we triumph with Him!

*Don’t Forget:*

- Communion reminds us not only of a cross and a Savior...
- ...but also of a crown and a coming King.
- Have you surrendered to this King?

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