## Sermon-based Small Groups

From text to transformation In community

# Why do we gather?



### **Engaging with the Bible – the journey**

Where is Christ?

Theological argument

Author's Intention

'problems'

Historical Context

**Biblical Context** 

The meaning of the words

Bridging Contexts

Specific application

Prophetic insight

Theological principles

Seeking more Engaging our hearts

Experiencing peace / joy / freedom / hope

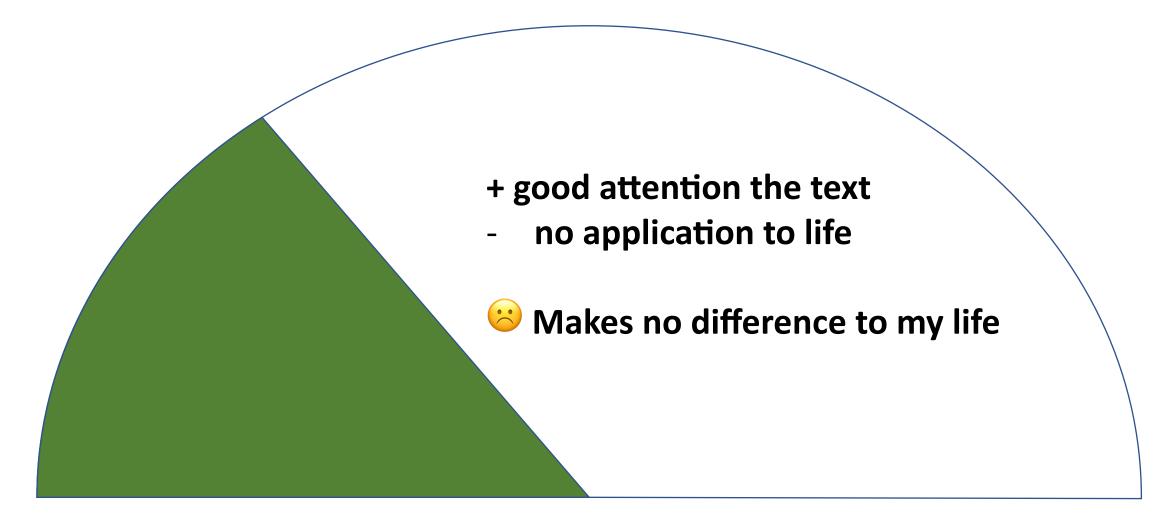
Confession Conviction of sin

Grappling with the cost repentance

action Growing in community

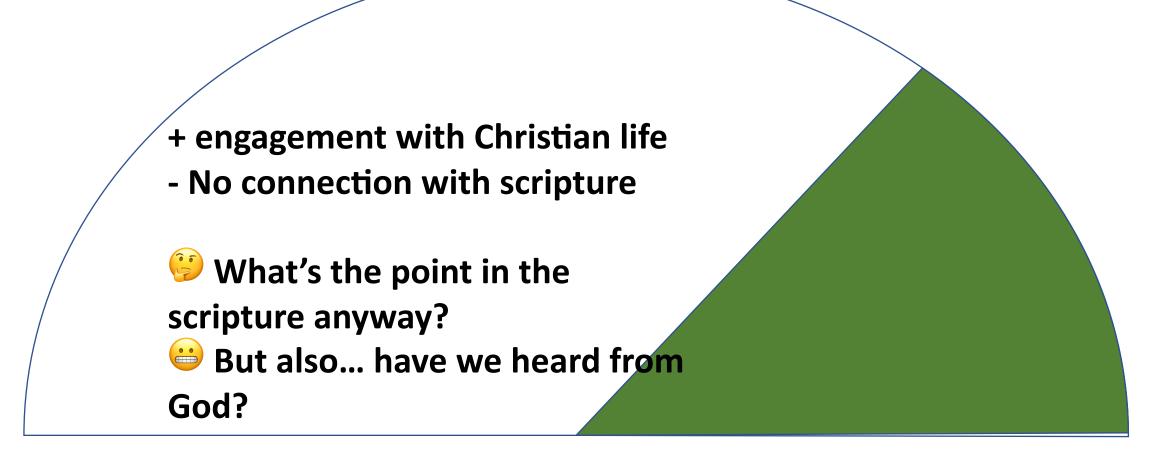
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### **Reading Comprehension**



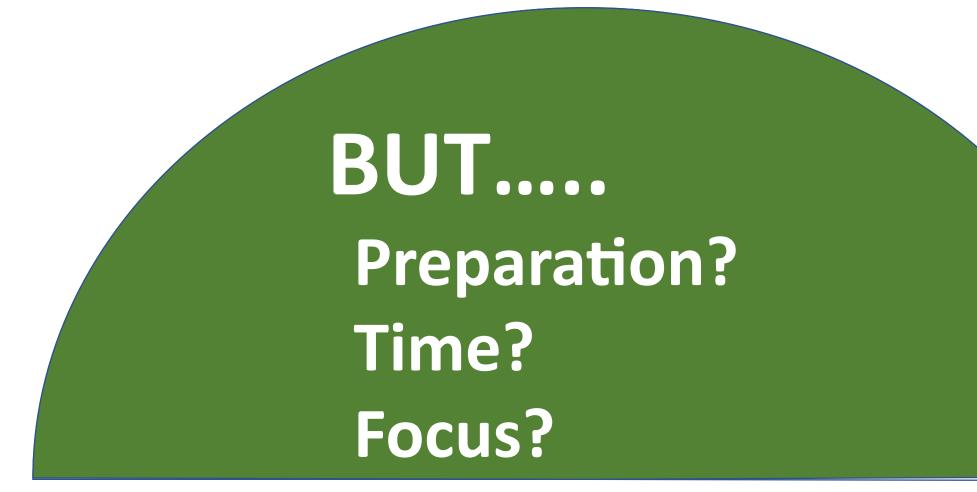
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#### "Detached" discipleship



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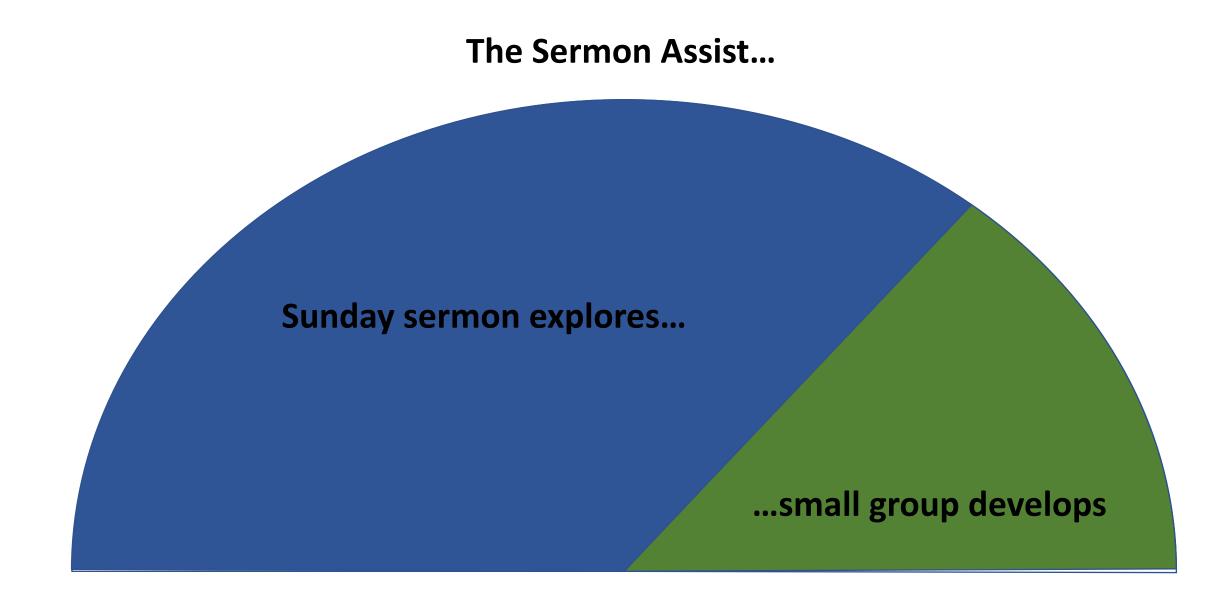
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### What are we aiming at as we study the Word?

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18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Cor 3:8

'We don't meet together to "do a Bible study" or "to care for one another" or "to have a prayer time." We meet together to be **transformed into the likeness of Christ** for the sake of his kingdom. Bible study, prayer and mutual care are all part of that much bigger aim.' Steve Midgley



life transformation

The words of the text