

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

Theological principles

Author's Intention

Bridging Contexts

'problems'

Specific application

Historical Context

Prophetic insight

Seeking more

Engaging our hearts

Biblical Context

Experiencing peace / joy / freedom / hope

The meaning of
the words

Confession

Conviction of sin

Grappling with the cost repentance

action

Growing in community

The words of
the text

life
transformation

Reading Comprehension

+ good attention the text

- no application to life

🙄 Makes no difference to my life

The words
of the text

life
transformation

“Detached” discipleship

- + engagement with Christian life
- No connection with scripture

🤔 What’s the point in the scripture anyway?

😬 But also... have we heard from God?

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The Ideal - A Full Journey

BUT.....

Preparation?

Time?

Focus?

**The words
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**life
transformation**

What are we aiming at as we study the Word?

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

The Sermon Assist...



Sunday sermon explores...

...small group develops

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