



Sermon Growth Guide

May 28, 2023

Higher - "Saved and Serving"

1 Chronicles 16:34-43

Key Verse: 1 Chronicles 16:35 "Cry out, 'Save us, God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise.'"

Big Idea: Lives that are saved naturally become lives marked by empowered service.

Foundations

King David takes worship very seriously. He role models a life of worship. In our **Higher** series, which concludes today, we've watched a victorious king give all praise to God and point the nation's focus on worshipping God.

We've reminded one another that we too must take worship very seriously. We must make worship a priority on our calendars. God alone is worthy of our full focus.

Worship flows from salvation; gratitude flows from grace. Lives that are saved naturally become lives marked by empowered service.

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the Holy Spirit filling God's people to accomplish God's mission in the world.

Today is also My Part Sunday, when we celebrate and reaffirm that church works best when every member plays their part. You're invited to enter in or reaffirm your place of service here within this body.

As you circle up this week, give thanks for your Life Group! Give thanks that you do not walk alone. Thank God that right before you is a first place of service within this body as you serve one another in your journey of conformity unto Christ.

Begin your time together in prayer, asking God's Spirit to guide and guard this time.

Understanding God's Word

Together, read 1 Chronicles 16:34-43. According to verse 35, what will be the result of God saving His people?

Changing gears, now read the history of Pentecost in Acts 2. What catches your attention in Acts 2?

Applying God's Word

Lives that are saved naturally become lives marked by empowered service.

Describe your season of life. Where are your places of service? Do you feel like you're serving too much or too little?

How's your soul in the season you're in? Help one another discern how the Lord is shepherding you.

Witnessing God's Word

John 13:34-35 says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

They will know us by our love.

Host a conversation on how loving and serving are natural expressions of the Christian life and how growth is accomplished through a life of service to others.