

Sermon-based Discussion

Tips for OPCM Life Groups (borrowed from Restored Church)

1. Remember that you are a **facilitator**, not a teacher.
2. Ask an **icebreaker question** at the beginning of the discussion to get everyone talking.
3. Keep the overall goal in mind: For the group to take **next steps in their walk with God** as they process the Sunday sermon.
4. Read the **main passage** from Sunday's message. Maybe have multiple people read different parts to include more people.
5. Ask someone to provide a **1-2 minute recap** of the message on Sunday for those who weren't there.
6. Criticism of different parts of the sermon can be a natural response, but try and keep the goal of discussion **how to apply the message** to our lives.
7. Take notes during the sermon to remember key things to focus on with the group (Key takeaway, passage, illustrations, application).
8. If you missed church, catch up online before group! (and, encourage anyone in your group to do the same)
9. As the facilitator, listen to what people are saying in discussion to identify opportunities to **invest** in relationship and **care** for group members.
10. **Have fun!** Sermon-based life groups can be a joy and delight if done well.