

**What Do You See?
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

The path forward will determine the lens you will be looking through.

[Isaiah 62:6]

“O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls.”

God speaks to us in personal revelation and through watchmen on the walls.

[Acts 20:28, NIV]

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

There is a transformation coming in the earth, and the church will be seen as truly glorious.

[Isaiah 62:1, NLT]

62 *Because I love Zion,*

I will not keep still.

Because my heart yearns for Jerusalem,

I cannot remain silent.

[Hebrews 12:22-24, NLT]

No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. ²³ You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. ²⁴ You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.

See it for what it is. Identify current predators—

- 1. Spirit of division**
- 2. Stepping out from under spiritual covering**
- 3. False narratives and non-biblical ideologies**

What the Church is becoming—

- 1. A place of grace-filled conversation**
- 2. A place for men and women as well as all tribes and tongues to lead the church**
- 3. A place where hungry people that you never thought would be in church are part of a great harvest.**

[Isaiah 62:1b-3, NLT]

I will not stop praying for her

*until her righteousness shines like the dawn,
and her salvation blazes like a burning torch.*

The nations will see your righteousness.

World leaders will be blinded by your glory.

And you will be given a new name

by the LORD's own mouth.

The LORD will hold you in his hand for all to see—

a splendid crown in the hand of God.

[Philippians 2:12, AMP]

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, (that is, cultivate it, bring it to full effect, actively pursue spiritual maturity with awe-inspired fear).

How to Position Yourself to See Through God's Lens—

- 1. Represent the name of Jesus well in these days by pursuing spiritual maturity.**

Stand for truth without being an unnecessary offense.

[Philippians 2:13]

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

- 2. Identify what God is working in you, and work it out.**

God is giving you a desire to pursue the things that please Him.

[Philippians 2:14]

“Do everything without grumbling or arguing.”

- 3. Decide that you will not participate in arguments and “murmurings” (*gongysmos* = to secretly express displeasure).**

KEY STATEMENT: *I’m just not going to argue about it.*

[Philippians 2:15]

... So that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

FOR MONDAY—

- 1. Find a “better spot” from which to see what God is doing. (a physical spot, a spiritual discipline, life-giving relationship, etc.)**
- 2. Practice the principle (and statement): *I’m just not going to argue about it.***

TALK IT THROUGH

- 1. Who are some of the voices or sources that are drawing your attention these days?**
- 2. What are ways God speaks to us, and why is it important to spend time in the Word?**
- 3. How do we find a “high place,” a vantage point to see where we are going? Why is this key for a watchman?**

- 4. Have you allowed the “temporary insanity” of our nation to divide you from people that you’ve been building relationship with for decades?**
- 5. What is God working in you, and what is He working out?**
- 6. Who in your world is argumentative or anxious? How can you have a grace-filled conversation with them?**
- 7. What is the difference between vengeance and justice? Why is it important for us to not take vengeance into our own hands?**
- 8. Which false narratives or non-biblical ideologies are circulating around you? How do we stay on track and protect ourselves from buying into them?**
- 9. Pray for clear personal direction from God and protection for each other.**