



## Back to Normal Pastor Dave Patterson

### USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced 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 small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

### **[Genesis 4:16]**

*So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in **the land of Nod**, east of Eden.*

Nod = wandering in isolation, the land of aimless wandering

### **[Acts 2:45-47]**

*They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. **They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity**— all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. **And***

*each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.*

*Revival, which means an awakening, a recovery, a bringing back to life that which was seemingly dead, is a work of God's spirit among His people. But what we currently call revival is simply New Testament Christianity, it's **the saints getting back to normal**"*

*-Vance Havner-*

### **[Zechariah 1:3]**

*Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Return to me,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'and I will return to you,'*

### **When we Gather in His name**

#### **1. God shows up in a greater way**

#### **[Matthew 18:20]**

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*

#### **2. The gifts of the spirit are released and received**

#### **[1 Corinthians 14:26-27 (the Voice)]**

*When you come together, **each person has a vital role because each has gifts**. One person might have a song, another a lesson to teach, still another a revelation from God. ....but all of this should be done to strengthen the life and faith of the community. (to build each other up)*

### 3. We receive motivation and renewed courage

**[Hebrews 10:24-25]**

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, **but encourage one another**, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Get in the conversation.*

1. What aspect of this message most resonates with you?
2. *Of everything covered which part do you feel was most important to your life right now?*
3. Which concept do you feel would be the most important for you to pay more attention to? How would your life be different if you were to implement that concept?

*Take it a step further.*

4. What can your group do to encourage each other toward living a life that more reflects what you have learned through this teaching?
5. Spend some time praying for each other and ask God to give you the courage to step out into the new life He is calling you to.

*Take home.*

6. *What can you do this week to move in the direction God is calling you to?*