

Sermon Based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 26, 2025

Icebreaker Questions

- Have you ever taken a road trip without knowing exactly where you'd end up? How did it feel?
- When you travel, are you the type who follows the GPS exactly or trusts your instincts?
- What's your funniest "lost on the road" story?

Sermon Summary

(If you missed this week's sermon, it's always available by noon on Monday on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/@horizoncommunitychurch>)

The sermon emphasized that God's guidance through the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night symbolizes His active presence, direction, and love for His people in life's wilderness seasons. Just as Israel obeyed the Lord's command to move or remain, believers today are called to trust and follow God's leading even when the destination is unclear. The presence of God reveals His character, refines our hearts, reassures our confidence, and redirects our course toward His purposes. God's presence is not only powerful but deeply personal—He goes before, beside, and behind us.

Opening Prayer

Briefly pray and invite the Lord into your conversations to bring wisdom and insight to His Word. Pray around the theme for the sermon/discussion.

Primary Passage of Scripture

Read Numbers 9:15–23, Isaiah 26:3, 1 Corinthians 6:19, Romans 8:31

Discussion Questions

- What lessons can we learn from Israel's obedience to wait or move at God's command?
- How have you personally experienced God's presence guiding you?
- How has God's presence refined your character or changed your behavior?
- How do you recognize when it's time to "set out" versus "stay put"?
- How can we cultivate awareness of God's presence in our homes?
- What's one "next step" you can take to pursue God's presence more intentionally?

Prayer

- Ask: "How can we pray for you this week?"
- Assign each request to a group member to ensure everyone is prayed for during the prayer time.
- Assign someone to open in prayer and someone to close in prayer.

Closing