

Sermon Based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of March 15, 2026

Icebreaker Questions

- What's the worst wrong turn you've ever taken while driving?
- If your life had a GPS voice guiding you, what would it say most often?
- What's something you wish came with a clearer instruction manual?

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>)

Our sermon this week focused on Deuteronomy 28 as a covenant choice between obedience that leads to blessing and disobedience that leads to curse. Moses, near the end of his life, warns Israel that their future depends on their response to God's commands, emphasizing that obedience keeps them connected to the source of life and flourishing. The law reveals both God's standard and humanity's inability to perfectly meet it. The turning point comes in Jesus, who fulfills the law and takes the curse upon Himself by dying on the cross, as foretold in Deuteronomy. Because of Christ, those who belong to Him are no longer under condemnation and are invited to choose life through grace rather than trying to earn blessing through performance.

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 Passages of Scripture

Read Deuteronomy 28:1–2, Deuteronomy 21:23, Deuteronomy 30:19, Deuteronomy 6:5, Galatians 3:13, Romans 8:1

Discussion Questions

- Why do you think Moses spent far more time describing the curses than the blessings in Deuteronomy 28?
- Why do you think the law functions more like a mirror than a ladder?
- Why is honest warning sometimes an act of love?
- Why is it significant that Jesus died in a way the law specifically described as "cursed"?
- What does Galatians 3:13 reveal about the purpose of the cross?
- What does it look like to live from grace rather than trying to earn God's approval?
- Why do you often try to fix column one before accepting grace?
- How does Romans 8:1 change the way Christians should think about guilt and shame?

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