

# Sermon Based Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of April 12, 2026

## Icebreaker Questions

- What's your go-to comfort activity when you feel disconnected or stressed?
- What's a hobby or interest that naturally connects you with others?
- Coffee shop, house hang, or outdoor activity—what's your vibe?

## 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 introduces the “4 B's of Discipleship”—Believe, Belong, Become, Bless—focusing on the first two as the foundation of following Jesus wholeheartedly. True discipleship goes beyond admiring Jesus; it requires reordering your life around Him with full devotion of heart, soul, mind, and strength. Belief begins with trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord, not through performance but through faith in the gospel, often sparked through relationships, life transitions, and authentic encounters with community. In a largely unchurched and spiritually curious culture like the Pacific Northwest, people are drawn to faith through relationships, authenticity, intellectual honesty, and practical love in action. Belonging is essential for spiritual growth, as God designed people to thrive in community where faith is strengthened, lived out, and sustained together.

## 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 Mark 12:30, Acts 2:42, Hebrews 10:25, Romans 10:9, Matthew 18:20

## Discussion Questions

- What's the difference between admiring Jesus and actually following Him in everyday life?
- How does Romans 10:9 challenge or encourage your understanding of salvation?
- Why is belief the starting point rather than behavior or performance?
- Have you ever experienced a community that helped strengthen your faith? What made it impactful?
- Why is loneliness such a significant issue today, and how can the church respond?
- What rhythms or habits help you stay connected to Christian community?
- How does serving others help cultivate belief and belonging?
- What might your next step be in either believing more deeply or belonging more fully?
- What would it look like for your life to be fully reordered around Jesus?

## 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