



Week Three | Recycled | 01.23-24.2021

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Message Recap: How should the world view the church? Unfortunately, we've created a brand for the church that Jesus never intended. But we have the opportunity to give everyone a Brand: New perspective.

- » **Opening** (2-3 minutes)
- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
 - Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
 - Pray - open your time together in prayer
- » **Introduction** (12 minutes)
- Ice-Breaker: What do you wish had free entry?
 - Digging Deeper: What are some of the pros and cons of free entry to some of these places?
- » **Observation** | Read Hebrews 10:1-18; Matthew 11:28-30 (12 minutes)
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?
- » **Key Principle** | **Where there is freedom, don't add gates.** (12 minutes)
- Why do we love to create rules for everything?
- » **The Law Locks Us In** | Reference Hebrews 10:1-6 (12 minutes)
- How are the rules in your life acting like gates?
 - What rules have made you feel like you don't totally fit in at church?
- » **Jesus Offers a Pardon** | Reference Hebrews 10:12-14 (12 minutes)
- What are the differences between the pardon we receive from Jesus and the kind of pardons we can give to others?
 - What holds us back from trusting we are free?
- » **The Gate is Open** | Reference Hebrews 10:16-18 (12 minutes)
- What kind of person does not fit into your picture of church?
 - How can we become a community where all people can walk in our doors?
- » **Next Steps and Prayer** | (15 minutes)
- Look back at Matthew 11:28-30. How can these verses encourage you to find real rest in Jesus?
 - Close by praying for each other to think about the gates that have been put up in your life and how we can open them up?