

# Weekly 4G Guide

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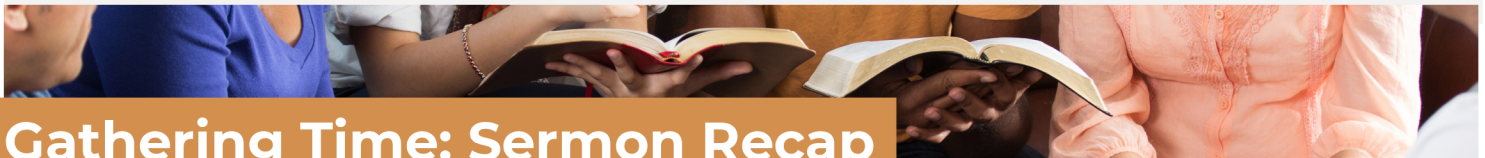
## How to Use This Guide:

- **Read the Sermon Recap** by yourself (for devotions) or with your group. You can also watch the sermon on YouTube @CBCFamily.
- **Read the passage/s.** Look for truths, promises, and/or commands. Try to find the “who, what, when, where, why, and how.”
- **Group Time:** First, take turns reading the Scripture passage/s from the sermon, round-robin style, letting each person read one verse. Go around the circle until the whole passage has been read. Then, **utilize the Group Time** portion of this 4G Guide.

## What's a 4G? A guide that covers:

1. Gathering Time (Sunday morning)
2. Group Time (for group meetings)
3. God Times (personal and family devotions)
4. Give Time (a prompt for reflection)

- **Personal God Time:** Use these each day to dive into the passages further and challenge yourself to apply the texts.
- **Family God Time:** Use these each week to dive into the passages with your family.
- **Give Time:** Ask your group, yourself, or your family what might be a good response to the sermon or text? How are you inspired to give of your time, talent, or treasure?



## Gathering Time: Sermon Recap

### Encountering Jesus

Today, Erin preached the last sermon in the *Encountering Jesus* series which highlights encounters with the Savior. This sermon focuses on our response to the Lord.

Have you ever had an encounter that changed your life? Have you met someone who left a mark on you? If we have Jesus in our hearts, then it has definitely happened to us! When we first encounter Jesus by placing our trust in who He is and what He has done, we are changed-- the old has passed away and the new has come. (See 2 Cor 5:17)

Anyone who trusts in Christ to save them has the Holy Spirit indwelling them. (See John 14:16-17, 14:26, and 15:26-27.) In this way, we all encounter the Lord on a daily basis! The Spirit of God guides us, comforts us, reminds us of Christ's teachings, advocates for us, and illumines the Word so that we can better understand it (among other things). The Holy Spirit draws us ever near the Father!

God continues to work in and through the

lives of His children. He uses and empowers His followers to display and share His kingdom reign (Acts 1:8). As we submit to and follow Him, we show the world the results of the gospel, and we bring Him glory. We can then invite others to “encounter Jesus” for themselves!

In the Bible, there are many stories of those who have experienced a life-changing faith. Some stories are miraculous like that of Shadrach, Meschach, and Abednego in Daniel 3:24-29 or like the stories we have heard in past sermons from this series. Yet, others are more mundane—for example, the nameless many who heard Jesus preach and simply believed.

Whether you have “encountered Jesus” through your desperation, aspirations, or as an affirmation, know that, for those who are in Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit is ever drawing you closer to the Father.

God is still at work in His people today! Seek a relationship with Him; demonstrate your trust through obedience and submission.

## Group Time: Questions

### Conversation Starter

Ask: Have you ever had an encounter with someone and your life then changed as a result?

### Discussion Questions

Choose a track, mix and match, or do them all.

- **Track 1:** What are the main points of the passages discussed in today's sermon?
- What are the "who, what, when, where, why, and how" of the passages?
- Do the passages contain truths, promises, or commands to obey? What are they? As a group, make a list and pray for your hearts to align with God's Word.

- **Track 2:** Some people might seek "mysterious experiences" with God vs. a relationship of submission to Him. How can this be dangerous?

- Christians are those who are positioned "in Christ" (Romans 8:1). Discuss how secure this is.

- The Holy Spirit indwells Believers. Discuss Gal 5:22-26 and the result of having Him in your life.

- **Track 3:** How could someone personally apply this sermon?

- Who do you know that needs to "encounter Jesus"? When/how will you share Him?

- How will you exhibit trust and obedience in your walk with Christ?

### God Time: Personal

Use the sermon notes from our Gathering Time this week for your personal time with God. Use a spare notebook or your favorite device to journal your responses. Include prayer and application in your time with God!

- **Monday:** Skim Daniel 3:8-18 if you aren't familiar with it or need a refresher. Mark anything that stands out.
- **Tuesday:** Read Daniel 3:19-26. (Note: many theologians would say the fourth person in the fire was the pre-incarnate Christ.)
- **Wednesday:** Read John 14:16-17, 26; and 15:26-27. Who is Jesus saying will come? What will He do?
- **Thursday:** Read Acts 1:1-8. In verse 8, who did Jesus promise to send? What would be the result?
- **Friday:** Because we have the Spirit, we encounter God every day. But we still need to constantly submit and follow! Read Matthew 28:19-20. How do you need to submit to Christ and follow these words?

### God Time: Family

Parents: Familiarize yourself with sermon recap from our Gathering Time. Sum it up in a way your child/ren can understand.

- Consider **reading Daniel 3** from the Easy-to-Read Version or from a children's Bible storybook.
- Give a **summary** statement about the sermon and the Bible story in a way that your family can easily understand.
- **Ask:** How many people did they see in the fire?
- **Say:** That fourth person in the fire is a reminder that God is always with us. When we trust in Jesus, God's Holy Spirit comes to live in our hearts!
- **Activity:** Play a game of "Would You Rather" based on Daniel 3. Ask questions like, "Would you rather bow to the idol or go in the furnace? Would you rather be with friends who share your faith or be alone?" Get creative and make up questions to get your family talking!

**Give:** How does this week's sermon inspire you to give of your time, talent, or treasure?