



Sermon Discussion Guide

Missing the Mark - Carlo Furlan

February 27, 2022

Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them**.
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

- *How is everyone doing this week? This could also be an icebreaker question related to the topic for discussion.*
- Current events check-in: the news out of Ukraine is heartbreaking. How is everyone doing in light of what is happening there? If people in the group are particularly impacted, plan to take time at the beginning of your small group meeting to pray for the situation, before moving on to discussing the sermon.
- When you miss the mark on something, how do you usually feel? How do you usually respond?
- What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word sin?

Book - Scripture

- *Read the scripture, and discuss a few questions to understand **what the text is saying**.*
- Invite 2-3 people in the group to read Psalm 32 out loud, in multiple translations if you have them.
- Take time for people to rewrite all or parts of Psalm 32 in their own words. Share your “translations” with the group.

Look - Connections to our world today

- *This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.*
- What does Psalm 32 say to us about God's character?
- What does Psalm 32 say to us about being human?
- What parts of David's words in Psalm 32 do you relate to the most? What stands out to you?



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Took - Personal Application

- *This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.*
- What has been your experience with confession to God or out loud to trusted people?
- After hearing the sermon, what steps do you feel challenged to take to grow in the area of confession?
- Spend time together in prayer and confession. Pass out paper and pens to everyone in the group, and give individuals 5-8 minutes to reflect individually on Carlo's question: *God, is there anywhere I'm missing the mark right now?*
 - If it feels appropriate for your group (based on group maturity, how long you've been together, past experiences with confession), offer space for people to share with the group what God may have put on their hearts.

Time of Prayer