



Sermon Discussion Guide

March 9 & 10, 2024

"Party Crasher"

[John 1:9-14](#)

During Lent this year, we'll be going through a sermon series called "The Heart of God." In order for us to understand what it means to be a "Church After God's Own Heart" we need to look at God's heart. Join us each week as we dig into the character of God and get to know him better, so we can love others better.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on [HopeOnline.tv](#). Did you have any "ah-ha" moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read [John 1:9-14](#) - "The Word Became Flesh"

- What are you waiting for? When have you had to wait for something in your life? How was that? Are you good with waiting? What are you waiting for God to do? What have you been praying for that you're waiting on an answer? What does God say about our waiting? What does he promise in the midst of our waiting? How has he shown up in the past when you were waiting? Do you find comfort in hearing stories of others who waited in the Bible? Who else has had to wait? What did God do for them? What can we learn in our waiting? What have you learned in your waiting in the past?
- What do you do while you wait? Ignore it? Find distractions? Numb out? Leave? Get angry? Be bitter? Something else? Where is God in our waiting? How does he come for you? Why does he come for you in our waiting? What does it look like to live in grace AND truth? How does Jesus come to give us a better life? Does it always feel like that?

Read [1 Corinthians 13:13](#)

- What do you have hope in? Is hope easy to have? What are you hoping in right now? What does God promise to give us hope? How can we sustain hope over time? Have you ever doubted? What have you doubted in your faith? What does God say about our doubt?

APPLY

Talk with your group about the things you're praying about and waiting for. How can you join and support each other in your waiting? What is it that you doubt? How can you support each other in those doubts?