



Sermon Discussion Guide

Sept. 21 & 22, 2024

"Tackle Tough Times with Confidence"

[Romans 12:12-13](#)

A healthy relationship with Jesus isn't about perfecting a series of rituals. However, there are healthy habits that Christians can lean into that can help strengthen and deepen their awareness of God's love for them. Join us for this seven-week series as we explore seven habits that can lead to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

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 9:1-12](#) - "Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind"

- Have you ever wondered the same question the disciples asked Jesus? Why do bad things happen? How would Jesus answer this question? Why do you think so many people ask this question?
- Does it bother you that some things are hard to understand? Does that make faith more difficult? How big is your God? Read [Isaiah 55:9](#). Does He have to be understood or explained completely to follow and believe? How are God's ways different than ours?
- What is hospitality? How have you experienced hospitality from others? What does hospitality do for others? Why and how is that a way we can practice our faith?

Read [Romans 12:12-13](#) - "Love in Action"

- Have you (or someone you know) been taking some tough hits lately? Think back to the last time you were going through a tough time. Where was God in that? Did you learn anything from that experience?

Read [Romans 5:3-4 & 8:18](#) - "Peace and Hope" & "Present Suffering and Future Glory"

- What are the four things Pastor Mike talked about that we can do during times of suffering? How do each of those things help us get through those difficult times? How can someone rejoice in times of trouble? Where does that come from?

APPLY

Think about the people in your life who are suffering right now. How can you support them? Commit to praying for them regularly. How can hospitality be a part of your life to support and love others? Find a way to practice hospitality this week. Reach out to those in your life who need help and show them love by praying for them and practicing hospitality.