



Sermon Discussion Guide

Aug. 2 & 3, 2025

"How Can We Bridge the Gap Between Gen Z & God?"

[Psalm 145:1-7](#)

Faith Meets the Real World is a sermon series that explores how our faith in Jesus shapes the way we live in everyday situations—at home, at work, in relationships, and in the world around us. Each week, we'll tackle one big question about how to follow Jesus in real, practical ways that bring hope, healing, and light to a broken world.

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 [Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#) – **"A Call to Wholehearted Commitment"**

- Why do you think God commands people to love him with all their heart, soul, and strength rather than just believe in him?
- What does it look like to impress God's commands on your children or household beyond just quoting Scripture?
- Why do you think God emphasizes teaching his story "at home and on the road, when you lie down and when you get up"?
- What could it look like to train someone else to love God with their whole being, not just obey him?

Read [Mark 2:1-12](#) – **"Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man"**

- What do you think it says about Jesus that he forgave the man's sins before healing his body?
- When have you felt paralyzed—not physically, but spiritually or emotionally?
- Who in your life has carried you to Jesus during a time of need? Why is it significant that Jesus saw their faith, not just the man's, and responded? How can your faith show up in how you advocate, pray, or serve someone who's struggling?
- What risks or sacrifices are you willing to make to bring someone closer to Christ, like the friends did in the story?

Read [Psalm 145:1-7](#) – **"A Psalm of Praise of David"**

- What do you tend to praise or celebrate most in everyday life? Why?
- What might change in your daily life if you intentionally practiced praising God even in ordinary moments?
- Why is it important to speak of God's goodness from one generation to the next, as the passage describes?
- Why is it essential for servant leaders to model a life of awe and praise in both joy and hardship?

Read [John 1:29](#) – **"Jesus, the Lamb of God"**

- What comes to mind when you hear someone called "the Lamb of God"? Why do you think John pointed Jesus out this way rather than by his name or other title?
- How do you personally respond to the idea that Jesus "takes away the sin of the world"? Why is it significant that sin is described as something to be taken away, not just forgiven? In what areas of your life are you still living as though sin hasn't been removed?
- How does identifying Jesus as the Lamb connect to the Old Testament sacrifices and deepen your understanding of the gospel?
- Why is it important that John the Baptist publicly pointed to Jesus instead of keeping silent?

APPLY

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- **Name one thing daily.** Each day this week, name one specific thing about God's character that you admire or are grateful for. Say it out loud, write it down, or share it with someone else as an act of simple praise and growing awareness of who God is.
- **Tell someone your why.** Have a spiritual conversation with someone in your life—coworker, family member, friend—where you share not just what you believe but why Jesus matters to you. Let the focus be on personal transformation, not persuasion.
- **Point publicly to Jesus.** Identify one setting in your weekly rhythm where you tend to stay silent about your faith (e.g., online, at work, in a volunteer space). This week, take one intentional step to point to Jesus in that space through a comment, action, or act of service that reveals who he is and what he's done.