# **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**SUNDAY MAY 25** 

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday Worship Service** 

10AM at Lighthouse Church

June 8 BEYOND OFFERING

Learn more at lighthousecoc.com

June 15 Father's Day

10AM at Lighthouse Church

**June 22 Child Dedication** 

Sign up at lighthousecoc.com

Aug 1-3 LA Jubilee Conference

Register at lighthousecoc.com

# **OUR VISION**

Love God.

Live Change.

Light the Way.

### **OUR VALUES**

#### God's Word: is our Narrative

We discover who God is and how we participate in his story.

Love: is our Calling

We honor and value one another above ourselves.

Serving: is our Passion

We do everything with zeal and ownership.

**Prayer: is our Priority** 

We pray as our first response, not our last resort.

Hospitality: is our Mission

We seek opportunities to share what God has given us.



# **BEYOND OFFERING 2025**

Once a year we have a special opportunity to go above and beyond in our generosity during our annual Beyond Offering. This year we are giving on **Sunday June 8th** through **Sunday August 31st**. If you have never participated in this special endeavor, please prayerfully consider joining with us as we forge the way forward. God is moving among us in our church and beyond. We are so thankful for your generosity. Lighthouse would not be what is without you! You can download our Beyond Offering outline on our website for more information.

# **ONLINE GIVING**

You can give either a one-time gift or setup re-occurring giving that fits your personal pay schedule using PushPay. There are two ways you can do this. You can go to lighthousecoc.com and click the "give" button or you can text **LCOC** to **77977** and you will receive a text message with directions to follow. Finally, you can also write a check to Lighthouse Church and mail it to 3508 East Temple Way, West Covina, CA 91791. Thank you so much for investing into the mission of Jesus Christ!

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Jan Dickens** Please pray for his family as they mourn his passing.

**Mark Ramirez** Please pray for healing for his health complications.

Amira Angulo Please pray for Amira to make a full recovery from surgery.

Andy Harrison Please pray that God would completely heal his kidneys.

Ruben Narvaez Please pray that God

would heal him of cancer.

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# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### **Conversation Starters**

· What was the high and low of your last week?

#### **Sermon Discussion**

- Read Matthew 9:35-38
- 1. God is a Gardener. Throughout scripture, we see a clear connection between God and gardens—Eden, Gethsemane, and the empty tomb. If God is a gardener, then growth is not just expected, it's part of his design. How does seeing God as a gardener change the way you view spiritual growth?
- 2. God is Patient. Read 2 Peter 3:8-9. When we understand that God is patient, it changes the way we view his plan for our lives. God is not slow, but maybe he is preparing us for a harvest. As Jesus said, there is not a harvest problem, there is a laborer problem. Why do you think so few people step up to do God's work even when the opportunities are clear? What gifts or passions has God planted in you that he may be calling you to use more actively in His harvest?
- 3. God is a Planter. Read Psalm 92:12-14. God designed spiritual growth to happen within community. What is the difference between being "planted in the house of the Lord" and just attending church? How does being face-to-face with others in church challenge and grow you in ways that online content can't? How can we encourage those who are inconsistent to engage in more authentic relationships within the church?
- 4. It's important to stay rooted in your faith, and in the church, especially after being hurt or disappointed by people. How might staying planted through difficulty actually lead to deeper growth? What are some practical ways you can remain rooted even in a season of spiritual hurt or drought?
- 5. Read Galatians 5:22:24. **Sin grows in an instant, but fruit grows over time**. Consider the Fruit of the Spirit—which fruit do you feel is growing in your life right now? Why do you think sin grows quickly and spiritual fruit takes so long to grow?
- Read Ephesians 3:14-21. Take a few minutes and conclude your community group by praying together on your knees.