



## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

January 11, 2026 | CR SUNDAY – Greg Tracy



### GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER

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1. What's something simple that brought you joy this past week?
2. What's one interest, hobby, or activity that's been meaningful to you at some point in your life?



### MESSAGE REFLECTION

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1. Share something from the service or Greg's testimony that stood out, challenged or encouraged you.
2. Read **Romans 1:20 & Psalm 19:1** together. How does nature & creation reveal God and his attributes?
3. Where and when was your first memorable encounter with God?
4. What is one negative consequence of isolation? What is one positive result of community?
5. How is worldly success empty without God? How can worldly success be redeemed?
6. Have you ever had a coping mechanism in your life? If you're comfortable sharing, share what that was or is.
7. What is one way God has brought hope, healing, or growth into your life over time – slowly or suddenly?



## GOING DEEPER

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READ **Matthew 5:3-12** together. Reference the simple explanation for each beatitude:

**Poor in spirit** — Recognizing spiritual need and dependence on God.

**Those who mourn** — Grieving over sin and the brokenness of the world.

**The meek** — Humbly submitting to God rather than themselves.

**Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness** — Deeply desiring to live in a way that pleases God.

**The merciful** — Showing compassion because they have received God's mercy.

**Pure in heart** — Life marked by sincerity and devotion to God.

**Peacemakers** — Reflecting God's reconciling work in the world.

**Those persecuted for righteousness** — Remaining faithful to Christ even when it brings suffering.

1. Using the passage as a reference, which beatitude or beatitudes have you seen God produce in your life?

2. What is one beatitude that you need the Holy Spirit to cultivate or grow in your life?



## YOUR NEXT STEP

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1. Do you need accountability and hope in your life? Reach out to Celebrate Recovery or attend CR this Friday at 5:30pm.

2. Meditate on this verse every day this week – Galatians 5:16 - *So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*



## PRAYING TOGETHER

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Take time to share burdens and pray for one another.