



## UNLOCKING SCRIPTURE

1. Share a time when you said something but the person you were talking to totally misunderstood what you were trying to communicate.
2. Seth defined a biblical word study as discovering what a key word means by checking original-language usage, context, and authorial intent. When you read the Bible, do you tend to rely more on your personal definition of a word or the surrounding context? How might the rule "context gives actuality" change how you interpret a difficult verse?
3. When choosing words to study, the sermon suggested focusing on those that are theologically weighty (like "faith" or "justify") or crucial to the author's flow of thought. Looking at a passage you read recently, which words jump out as "weighty" or essential to the message?
4. Read Philippians 4:10–13. Philippians 4:13 ("I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me") is often used to mean achieving personal goals. However, Seth notes this specifically means that even when life presents very little, we can stand firm and remain fully satisfied. How does this "contextual" meaning change the way you might pray this verse during a hard season?
5. Hebrews 13:15 describes praise as "the fruit of lips" and a sacrifice to God. The sources state that when we truly grasp Christ's sacrifice, our response should be a vocalized, wholehearted sacrifice of praise. Is it ever a "sacrifice" for you to praise God? What makes it difficult to vocalize gratitude during certain times?
6. Hebrews 13:16 says not to neglect "doing good and sharing," for these are sacrifices that please God. How can our group practically "share" with others this week in a way that is an act of worship rather than just a chore?
7. Hosea 14:2 encourages us to "take words with you and return to the Lord". What specific "words" of confession or gratitude do you need to bring to God today?
8. What was your biggest takeaway from the message?

# Group Breakouts

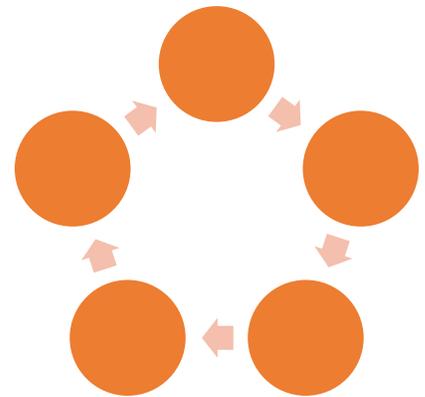
## Group Breakouts works best when the group...

- spends 30 minutes praying
- breaks into smaller groups of ladies and gents
  - finds a space with the least distractions
  - talks more to God than with each other

### 1. Sit in a circle

### 2. Ask the question, “where do you feel weak?”

Be honest and real with one another. Challenge yourself to confess where you feel weak. Weakness can stem from sin issues, temptations, life worries, broken relationships, financial problems, health concerns, etc.



### 3. As a group, exhort and encourage them.

After one person confesses their weakness, take a moment as a group to collectively lovingly push and encourage one another spiritually with what was shared. Exhorting each other can help us grow and thrive spiritually.

### 4. Have the person to the left pray for their request out loud.

Take a moment for intercessional “prayer”, for another before God. This means you are the “go-between” through prayer between God and your brother or sister in Christ.

### 5. After the person on the left is done praying, now have them answer the question and **repeat the process** until everyone has shared and prayed for one another.