



PLEASANT HILLS

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of Sunday, February 13

Journey Thru Lent Details

During the season of Lent, we are taking a break from our weekly small group gatherings. In their place, Pleasant Hills Church will be taking a “journey thru lent” together. Leaders from our church will be providing two different devotional classes, primarily on Monday evenings. Here are the two main purposes for this journey.

1. To provide biblical, transformational content beyond Sunday morning sermons.
2. To provide opportunities to strengthen intergenerational relationships that don't have an opportunity to grow when we meet separately in small groups.

Journey Thru Lent Plan

Choose one of two devotional classes to attend:

SABBATH: developing a weekly rhythm of worship through rest.

This content was developed by John Mark Comer, author of *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*. Participants will watch one video per week prior to the gathering (multiple teachers featured). Participants then gather for table discussions, large-group input, and teaching moments that challenge everyone involved to slowly incorporate a day of rest into their weekly rhythm.

DEEPER: experiencing “real change for real sinners.”

This class will be based on a short book called *Deeper* by Dane Ortlund, author of *Gentle and Lowly*. It describes how the Good News of Jesus actually produces real change in our lives—breaking our patterns of sin. Participants will read one or two brief chapters prior to the weekly gathering. Then, they gather for table discussions, large-group input, and teaching moments that challenge everyone involved to practice spiritual disciplines that apply the content of the book.

There will be **five weeks** of devotional classes, **primarily on Monday evenings** from 6:45–8:00. March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4 (both classes are offered on these evenings).

There is a **Sunday morning alternative**, 10:45–12:00 (only the *Deeper* content will be offered). Emphasizing the second purpose listed above, Monday evenings are strongly encouraged.

Icebreaker:

**What is one of your favorite Super Bowl commercials... no specific year?

Questions for the Sermon Series, *Church on the Hill: Week 5*

1. What has been one of the most encouraging aspects of the *Church on the Hill* series?
2. What has been one of the most challenging aspects of the *Church on the Hill* series?
3. **What is one hope that you have for Pleasant Hills Church moving forward?

*Slowly– very slowly– read **Romans 12** to provide the context for the discussion question that follows. This will work even better if people have a Bible open as well. As you read, have people make mental notes (or actually take notes) about parts of the passage that stand out to them.*

4. So, what stands out to you in this passage, and why do you think these specific words or phrases make a significant impact on you? As a group, discuss the value of the various words, phrases, or verses that are mentioned.

Take prayer requests and close in prayer. Allow time for small group members to pray aloud.



Saturday, February 26

Camp Crestfield in Slippery Rock, PA

Only \$30

The One Day Getaway Retreat gives adults from Pleasant Hills Church an opportunity to spend some extended time with friends and form new friendships with others from our church family. REGISTER SOON!

This is the last week to register!

When you register, you'll have the opportunity to choose one of the following four afternoon activities:
Guided DIY Wooden Easter Craft | Cookie Decorating Class | Axe Throwing | Escape Rooms