

At-Home Leader Guide

1) What to prep before people arrive

- **Choose the screen:** TV is best (laptop works if needed).
 - **Pick the video source:** Eastside website/app/YouTube link (whatever your group uses weekly).
 - **Create the environment:** reduce distractions, comfortable seating in a circle/half-circle, water/snacks if you want (simple wins).
 - **Tell your group the expectation:** “We’ll watch the message, then have an honest conversation, then pray.”
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2) How to set up the video (simple + reliable)

Best option (recommended): cast to a TV

- Open the message on your phone/laptop.
- Cast via **AirPlay / Chromecast / Smart TV**.
- Turn on **subtitles** if helpful for clarity.
- Do a **30-second test** before people arrive.

Backup option: laptop

- Put the laptop on a stable surface, plugged in.
- Use an **external speaker** if the laptop volume is weak.
- Fullscreen the video to avoid notifications.

Quick troubleshooting

- If audio is echoing: only play sound from **one** device (mute the other).
 - If video buffers: pause 15–30 seconds, or reduce quality to 720p/480p.
 - If casting fails: switch to laptop HDMI, or play directly from the TV app.
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3) How to lead the discussion

Your job isn’t to “teach the sermon again.” The Small Group discussion questions for each week are in the OTC Bible. Your job is to **create a space where people can process what God is saying and take a next step.**

3 leadership cues that work every time

- **Keep questions open-ended** (avoid yes/no). Push deeper with “Why?” or “What makes you say that?”
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 - **Use the funnel:** start broad (easy to answer), then narrow toward application and obedience.
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 - **Follow the B’s:** encourage answers that are **brief, biblical, and beneficial** so everyone can participate.
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Discussion Questions Template

These questions are optional. Prioritize the questions in the OTC Bible.

A) Warm welcome + connection

1. What was one high and one low from your week?
2. Where have you felt God’s help—or God’s absence—lately?

B) Sermon recap (keep it simple)

3. What’s one moment, line, or idea from the message that stuck with you?
4. If you had to summarize the message in one sentence, what would you say?

C) Go deeper (meaning + heart)

5. Why do you think that stood out to you right now in this season?
6. What do you sense God might be inviting you into... or confronting in you?
7. Where is this challenging your usual patterns, habits, or assumptions?

D) Application (obedience + next step)

8. What is one **specific step** you can take this week because of what you heard?
9. What might get in the way of that step—and how can we help you win?
10. Who do you need to talk to, forgive, encourage, or be honest with this week?

E) Prayer (simple, not pressured)

11. How can we pray for you—really?
12. Take 60 seconds of quiet. Then pray popcorn-style (short prayers), or have one person close.

4) How to “land the plane” well

- **Recap the one thing:** “Tonight we said God is calling us to ____.”
- **Name the next step:** each person shares one action.
- **Follow-up cue:** continuity matters—briefly connect this week to next week’s discussion.