



## Small Group Discussion Guide

April 29, 2018

### Sermon Title:

"Restoring Factory Settings"

**Sermon Text:** Psalm 90:12

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Leader:** *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.*

**Getting Started:** What activities do you enjoy that "recharge your batteries" and renew your spirit? Are these things you do by yourself or are others involved?

### Discussion:

1. If someone were to ask you "How are you doing?", what would be your truthful response today? Are you inclined to give the obligatory answer, "Fine."
2. How do you determine when you are getting to a place where you feel distracted by life? Do you have a tendency to lose focus if you feel pressured from a certain event?
3. What might currently be going on in your life that is taking a lot of energy from you? Anything come to mind when you consider that question?
4. The Pastor used the metaphor of a computer having been corrupted and, on occasion, get its signals crossed. When that happens, it needs to be restored to factory settings. If we were having the same thing occur for us, what "factory settings" do we need to recall to be centered where God wants us? Consider these points the Pastor mentioned:

**\*We are planned for God's pleasure.** (We are to offer Him real worship)

**\*We were formed for God's family.** (We need a church family to which we belong)

**\*We were created to be like Christ.** (We are to practice authentic discipleship)

**\*We were shaped for serving God.** (This is spelled out in our earliest history)

**\*We are made for a mission.** (This must include basic evangelism)

**Closing:** *Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.*

**GO SHARE JESUS!**