

# Growth Group Discussion Guide

## Week of October 22

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### Sand Castles and Grace (Pastor Matthew Short)

#### **Our Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, guest Preacher Matthew Short brings insights into today's scripture inspired by his work encouraging the planting and renewing of congregations. He is the Director of Evangelical Mission in the Greater Milwaukee Synod..

What are some highlights from Pastor Matt's sermon that;

- Inspired you?
- Made you curious for more information?
- Challenged your way of thinking?

#### **Media Mix - Crash Course in the Protestant Reformation**

Click on this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1o8oIELbNxE>

After this 15 minute presentation, choose among these questions to discuss:

1. Today we have many, "Non-denominational Churches?" Where do they fit in the Protestant Reformation?
2. How does the Reformed Church differ from Lutheran?
3. How do Lutherans differ from Catholics?
4. What is the difference between Anabaptists and Baptists?
5. What is the Pentecostal church and where in the world is it?
6. Where do Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses fit in the Christian family?
7. Why are there differing Lutheran bodies (ie., ELCA, LCMS, WELS, NALC, LCMC, and at least a dozen more in the USA?)

## **Bringing It Home**

As we celebrate the Reformation past, brainstorm 5 actions that will make a Reformation future through our congregation:

## **Prayer Time**

Here is a prayer from Martin Luther to close with and take home. At the close of the day Luther would pray; *Dear God, I give you now all of the projects and efforts which have occupied my day. Surely you do a better job with them than I. I will gladly take them up again in the morning. Amen.*

## **Housekeeping**

When and where is your serve event this quarter?