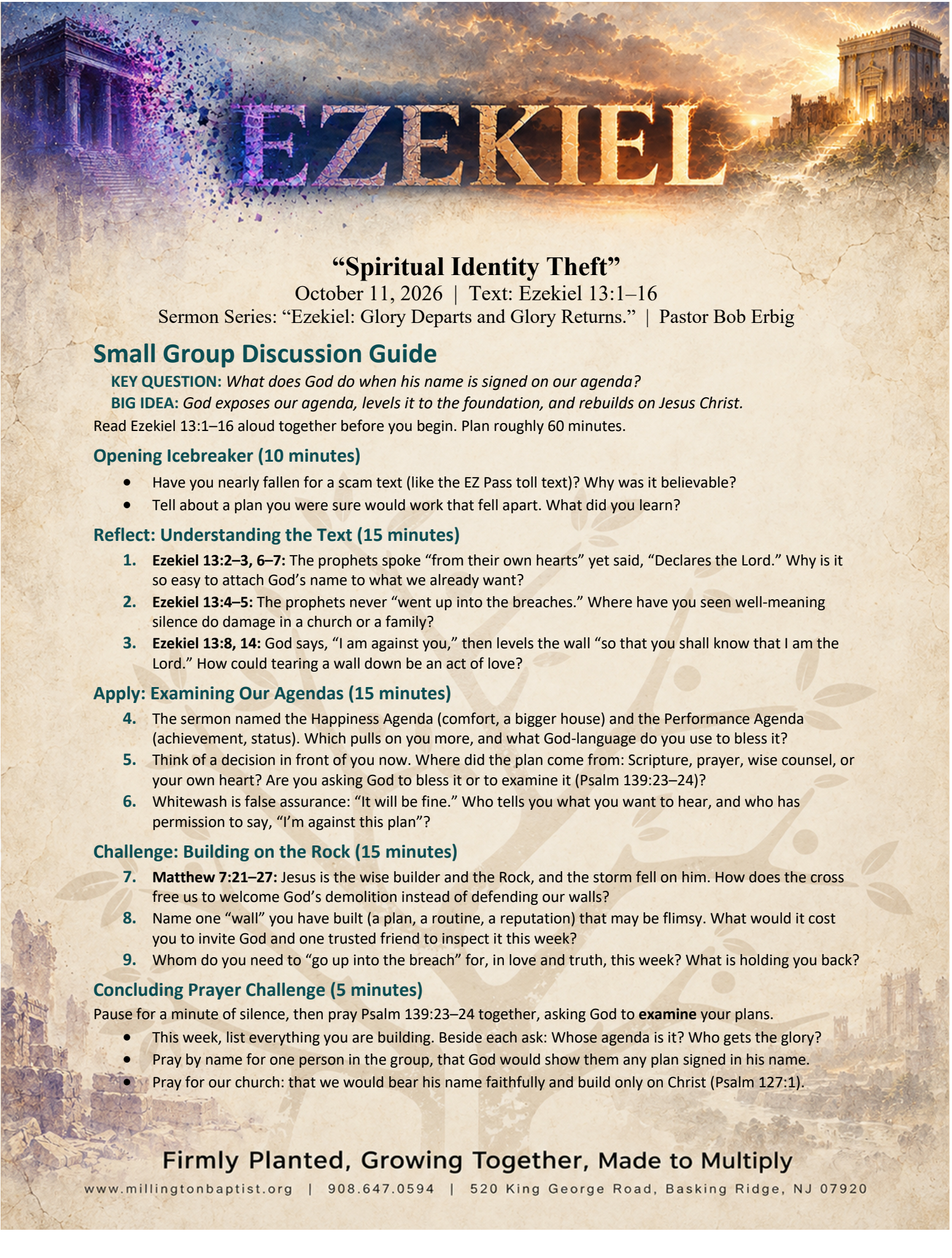




EZEKIEL

“Spiritual Identity Theft”

October 11, 2026 | Text: Ezekiel 13:1–16

Sermon Series: “Ezekiel: Glory Departs and Glory Returns.” | Pastor Bob Erbig

Small Group Discussion Guide

KEY QUESTION: *What does God do when his name is signed on our agenda?*

BIG IDEA: *God exposes our agenda, levels it to the foundation, and rebuilds on Jesus Christ.*

Read Ezekiel 13:1–16 aloud together before you begin. Plan roughly 60 minutes.

Opening Icebreaker (10 minutes)

- Have you nearly fallen for a scam text (like the EZ Pass toll text)? Why was it believable?
- Tell about a plan you were sure would work that fell apart. What did you learn?

Reflect: Understanding the Text (15 minutes)

1. **Ezekiel 13:2–3, 6–7:** The prophets spoke “from their own hearts” yet said, “Declares the Lord.” Why is it so easy to attach God’s name to what we already want?
2. **Ezekiel 13:4–5:** The prophets never “went up into the breaches.” Where have you seen well-meaning silence do damage in a church or a family?
3. **Ezekiel 13:8, 14:** God says, “I am against you,” then levels the wall “so that you shall know that I am the Lord.” How could tearing a wall down be an act of love?

Apply: Examining Our Agendas (15 minutes)

4. The sermon named the Happiness Agenda (comfort, a bigger house) and the Performance Agenda (achievement, status). Which pulls on you more, and what God-language do you use to bless it?
5. Think of a decision in front of you now. Where did the plan come from: Scripture, prayer, wise counsel, or your own heart? Are you asking God to bless it or to examine it (Psalm 139:23–24)?
6. Whitewash is false assurance: “It will be fine.” Who tells you what you want to hear, and who has permission to say, “I’m against this plan”?

Challenge: Building on the Rock (15 minutes)

7. **Matthew 7:21–27:** Jesus is the wise builder and the Rock, and the storm fell on him. How does the cross free us to welcome God’s demolition instead of defending our walls?
8. Name one “wall” you have built (a plan, a routine, a reputation) that may be flimsy. What would it cost you to invite God and one trusted friend to inspect it this week?
9. Whom do you need to “go up into the breach” for, in love and truth, this week? What is holding you back?

Concluding Prayer Challenge (5 minutes)

Pause for a minute of silence, then pray Psalm 139:23–24 together, asking God to **examine** your plans.

- This week, list everything you are building. Beside each ask: Whose agenda is it? Who gets the glory?
- Pray by name for one person in the group, that God would show them any plan signed in his name.
- Pray for our church: that we would bear his name faithfully and build only on Christ (Psalm 127:1).

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