



Sunday Recap Guide

DIVINE ALIGNMENT

Alignment is defined as a position of agreement.

E — ENCOURAGEMENT

We're stepping into a new year with intentional **vision and alignment**. God is clearly moving—especially among the next generation—and the call of this season is not comfort, familiarity, or autopilot. It's **alignment**.

Alignment isn't about perfection; it's about positioning. Scripture reminds us that God delights in directing the lives of His people—not just the big moments, but *every detail*. Even when we stumble, we are never abandoned. God is holding us steady as we realign our hearts, our decisions, and our direction with Him.

As we begin 2026, this is a defining invitation:

Will we allow God to align our devotion, our decisions, and our relationships with His purpose?

“The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand.”

Psalm 37:23–24 (NLT)

S — SCRIPTURE

Key Theme: Direction flows from devotion

Divine alignment always begins internally before it ever shows up externally.

1. God Directs the Steps of the Godly

Psalm 37:23–24 (NLT)

This passage reminds us that God doesn't merely react to our lives—He **directs** them. The word “directs” implies intentional guidance, not random outcomes. God delights in *every detail*, meaning alignment is not just about major life decisions, but daily obedience.

Key Insight:

Godly alignment doesn't eliminate stumbling—but it does eliminate falling away. Our security is not in our footing, but in **God's grip**.

Discussion Questions:

- What areas of your life feel uncertain or unsteady right now?
- How does knowing God “delights in every detail” change how you approach daily decisions?
- Where might you be striving for control instead of trusting God's direction?

2. Realign Your Heart Before You Plan Your Steps

Proverbs 3:5–6 (NKJV)

Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV)

These verses show us the order of alignment:

- **Heart first**
- **Steps second**

Trusting God with *all* your heart requires surrender—especially in areas where understanding feels limited. Planning is not wrong, but planning without devotion leads to misalignment.

Key Insight:

Spiritual alignment always starts internally. God doesn't just want your plans—He wants your trust.

Discussion Questions:

- What does it look like to “lean not on your own understanding” in real life?
- Are there plans you've made without first inviting God into the process?

- How can you practice devotion before decision-making this year?

3. Submitting Your Will to God's Word

Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)

God's Word is described as both a **lamp** and a **light**—meaning it gives enough clarity for the next step, not the entire path. Alignment becomes impossible when Scripture becomes optional.

Key Insight:

God does not bless directions He hasn't authorized. The Word of God is not a suggestion—it's a guide.

Discussion Questions:

- Is Scripture currently shaping your decisions, or just affirming them?
- What happens when God's Word challenges something you want?
- How can you make Scripture a daily, practical guide rather than a once-a-week reference?

4. Separation Reveals Alignment

2 Corinthians 6:17–18 (NKJV)

Right alignment always exposes wrong associations. God's call to "come out and be separate" isn't about isolation—it's about **identity**. When we align with God, some relationships, habits, or environments may no longer fit.

Key Insight:

"Show me your circle, and I'll show you your ceiling."

Your alignment determines your direction—and your direction determines your destination.

Discussion Questions:

- Are there relationships or habits pulling you out of alignment with God?
- What fears come up when you think about separation or change?
- How does God's promise of fatherhood and belonging speak into those fears?

5. Alignment Is About Agreement

Amos 3:3 (NLT)

Alignment requires agreement—not just belief. Many spiritual strongholds begin as quiet agreements with fear, comfort, or compromise. You cannot walk in the same direction as God without agreeing with His ways.

Key Insight:

Agreement determines movement. Misalignment often begins subtly, not suddenly.

Discussion Questions:

- What voices or influences are shaping your agreement right now?
- Where might you be quietly agreeing with something that contradicts God's truth?
- What would full agreement with God look like in this season?

P — PRAYER

Before you begin:

Invite group members to share prayer requests. Create space for honesty and remind the group that alignment often begins with surrender and vulnerability.

Prayer Prompts

- **Realignment of the Heart**

Pray and ask God to reveal any areas of your heart that are out of alignment with His will, Word, or ways. Invite the Holy Spirit to lovingly expose anything that needs to shift.

- **Trust & Direction**

Pray for deeper trust in God's direction—especially in areas where the future feels unclear. Ask God to help you lean not on your own understanding and to confidently follow His leading one step at a time.

- **Submission to God's Word**

Pray for a renewed hunger for Scripture. Ask God to help His Word become a daily guide and not an occasional reference, shaping decisions, attitudes, and actions.

- **Healthy Separation & Courage**

Pray for wisdom and courage to separate from anything—habits, relationships, or influences—that pulls you out of alignment with God. Ask God to replace fear with confidence in His promises.

- **Agreement & Unity**

Pray for agreement with God’s truth over every area of life. Ask God to break any quiet agreements with fear, comfort, or compromise and replace them with faith, obedience, and unity.

N — NEXT STEPS

PERSONAL NEXT STEPS

1. **Invite God to Realign Your Heart**

Spend intentional time asking the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas of your heart that are out of alignment with God’s will, Word, or ways. Before planning your year, let God reshape your desires.

2. **Submit Your Plans to Scripture**

Identify one decision, habit, or direction you’re currently walking in and measure it against God’s Word. Ask: *Does Scripture support this direction—or am I asking God to bless something He hasn’t authorized?*

3. **Evaluate Your Influences**

Prayerfully assess the relationships, environments, or routines in your life. Are they pulling you closer to God—or quietly pulling you out of alignment? Ask God for wisdom and courage to make needed adjustments.

4. **Choose Agreement Daily**

Pay attention to the “quiet agreements” you’re making—with fear, comfort, compromise, or faith. Alignment begins with agreement. Declare your agreement with God’s truth each day, even when it’s uncomfortable.

CHURCH NEXT STEPS

1. **Commit to Consistent Gathering**

Make church a priority this year. God often realigns our hearts and direction through worship, teaching, and community. Consistency creates space for transformation.

2. Serve Where God Is Moving

Take a step toward serving in the church. God often brings clarity and alignment when we serve beyond ourselves and invest in what He's doing through His people.

3. Pray for Vision & Alignment as a Church

Commit to praying for our church, our leaders, and the next generation. Ask God to keep us unified, focused, and aligned with His mission as we step into this year together.