



### Sermon Discussion Guide - May 18, 2025

1. **Why do you go to church? What is the purpose for Christians to gather together on Sunday mornings?**
2. **Read Ephesians 4:11-16.**
  - *How does this passage describe the roles and jobs of church leadership? How does this passage describe the life of the church?*
  - *How would you sum up this passage in just a sentence?*
3. **Pastor Mark talked about three types of people we encounter that we can share faith with: 1) Those who follow a different religion, 2) Adult children who have walked away from Christianity, and 3) Antagonistic people**
  - *Who are people in your life in these categories that God is calling you to share your faith story and the gospel with?*
  - *What are the unique challenges you face regarding these three types of people?*
4. **Pastor Mark gave us three basic rules of engagement: 1) Pray for them continually, 2) Enter into conversations, not debates, and 3) Serve them with love and patience.**
  - *Which of these rules are easy for you? Which is more difficult?*
  - *What is the difference between conversation and debate?*
  - *What are some practical ways you can serve these people?*
5. **Sharing the gospel and telling your faith story are different; your faith story should include how you came to believe the gospel.**
  - *Read the verses that comprise the "Romans Road":*
    - *Romans 1:7b; 1:16; 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-13; 5:1; 8:1; 8:38-39*
    - *As a group, in light of the Romans Road verses, how would you describe the gospel in just a 2-3 sentences?*
  - *Ask someone to share their faith story in 5 minutes or less.*
6. **Ask for prayer requests for how the group can pray for each other in light of today's discussion.**