



## Reflection—Discussion—Prayer

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**MESSAGE:** The church

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**SERIES:** Multipliers

**COMMUNICATOR:** Pastor Kevin Geer

**CHECK-IN & SHARE WINS:** What was one highlight from your week? Where have you seen Jesus at work—in your life or in the world around you? *Celebrating wins helps fuel God's mission and inspire others to join in.*

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**THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE:** These questions are great for personal reflection, group discussion, or both. They're meant to help you grow in your faith, deepen your connection with your Jesus friends, and live it out in the world around you.

1. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. "So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord..." Where have you seen God making you "more and more like Him" recently? How has gathering with the "Church" helped shape that transformation?
2. Read Acts 2:42: "*All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to sharing meals, and to prayer.*" Which of these comes most naturally to you—teaching, fellowship, meals, or prayer? Which one do you need to grow in or lean into more right now?
3. Read Acts 2:46. When you think about church, what comes to mind first — the organization (the service, the structure, the programming)... or the community of believers (the people, the relationships, the shared life)? In your experience, does church feel more like something you attend, or a family you belong to? Please explain.
4. How can we make the church gathering experience more inviting, joyful and relational? Come up with a list of your creative ideas.
5. In a culture that often says, "I can follow Jesus on my own," do you think attending church is still essential to one's spiritual growth? Why or why not? How has making church a priority strengthened (or weakened) your faith over time?
6. Read John 13:35. Love is the "jersey" we wear that shows the world we belong to Jesus. How can we tangibly show the people around us that we love Jesus? Not just with words, but with action? If someone followed you around for a week, where would they clearly see the love of Christ on display?
7. A healthy church brings together people who are different—ages, backgrounds, cultures, preferences, life experiences, and perspectives. Why do you think that kind of diversity reflects God's design for His church? Where do you see it as a gift—and where is it most challenging for you to love well across those differences?
8. "Church is for you, but not about you." What does that statement mean to you? Have you ever approached church with a consumer mindset—thinking, "*What did I get out of it?*" or "*It's not meeting my needs,*" or "*I'm not being fed?*" What might need to shift in your perspective?



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9. Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. What do you think about this statement: "*You are either becoming more like Jesus or you are drifting away from Him.*" Do you agree with that? Or does it feel too black and white? If transformation is intentional, then drifting is usually unintentional. Where do you see that playing out — in your own life or in others around you?
10. What potentially happens to your spiritual growth if church gatherings are the only time you engage with God during the week? What consistent rhythms—prayer, Scripture, serving, inviting friends, practicing generosity—help your faith grow beyond Sunday?

**PRAYER OPTIONS: Practice praying out loud to grow and stretch your faith. *Extra Credit: Try praying out loud with the people who love you and feel safe.***

- **Prayer Partnership:** What's on your heart that we can partner with you and bring it to the Lord?
  - **Read and put into practice James 5:13-16.** Pray for the sick, praise Him for everything, confess your sins, pray for physical, spiritual and emotional healing.
  - **1 & 1:** One thing to celebrate, one thing to bring to God.
  - **Praise Sentences:** Short prayers thanking God, then pray for shared needs.
  - **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of 2-3, share requests, pray together, and encourage each other during the week.
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