SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Fall 2026:
week 3

We had a special guest speaker this week! Pastor Jim reminded us that the church is a community called to hold firmly to our hope in Jesus, encourage one another, and put love into action. Drawing from Hebrews 10:23–25, he emphasized our need for each other in a changing world. When faith feels difficult or relationships get messy, God's faithfulness gives us a reason to keep showing up and helping one another grow.

That commitment also reaches beyond our time together. Jim challenged us to make Jesus' love visible by caring for people, meeting real needs, and seeking justice in the places where we live and work. As we begin our discussion, let's consider who has helped us stay connected, where we might be tempted to pull away, and how God could be inviting us to encourage someone or serve them this week.

Getting To Know You

Ice-breakers are designed to establish common ground, help you get to know other people and share a little bit about your life.

1. If our small group entered a talent show, what would your contribution be—even if it got us eliminated?

2. What's something you're convinced you could do until you actually try it?

3. What's a small thing that tests your patience way more than it should?

Digging Deeper

These questions are designed to help you dig deeper into the sermon topic, relevant scriptures, and provide deeper opportunities for reflection.

1. What stood out to you from the sermon? Was there anything that challenged you or made you think differently?

2. Read Hebrews 10:23–25. What do you think it means to encourage one another toward "love and good works"? When has someone helped you put your faith into action?

3. Jim told a story about a teenager who got into trouble after following AI-generated directions on a mountain. When you're unsure which way to go in life, where do you usually turn for guidance? How do you decide whether that guidance is trustworthy?

4. Look again at Hebrews 10:25. With so many ways to watch a service from home, what makes gathering with other believers meaningful?

What do we miss when we become disconnected from that community?

5. Read Colossians 3:12–14. Jim compared commitment to faith and church with the commitment required in a long marriage. What helps you stay connected when faith feels difficult or church relationships get messy? What makes you want to pull away?

6. Read Ephesians 2:8–10 and 1 John 3:16–18. How do these passages connect God's grace with the way we treat others? Jim described the church as an "engine of change." Where do you see a need in your community, workplace, or relationships that you—or this group—could help meet?

Application

The goal is life transformation, not simple discussion. Application is how we live differently because of this week's teachings and discussions.

1. Jim reminded us that Jesus is returning. How might keeping that hope in mind change the way you live this week?

Choose one practical step you could take, whether that's making time for someone, addressing a need, or changing a priority.

Prayer Requests

Take time to record prayer requests here. Confidentiality is an important part of a healthy small group.