HOPE CHURCH

Weekly Sermon Based Discussion Questions

November 1, 2026

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Why is the biblical command to be baptized treated as optional by people who treat other biblical commands as mandatory?

2. Would the Bible make so many strong statements about baptism, and include Jesus' baptism, and New Testament believers' baptisms, if it was only a way to publicly announce your Christian faith?

3. In what ways, and what does it mean that baptism and communion sound the same?

4. How does living with communion consistently on the calendar of our lives promote faithfulness and purity in our lives? How does it promote the ongoing work of the gospel?

5. Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 11:17-20 + 33, 1 Cor. 10:16-17 All present communion as a part of the gathering of the church. Many believe these verses support each time the church gathers. Hope Church interprets these verses to mean frequently or always on the calendar.
Why do so many American Christians believe then that communion (remembering Jesus' death, resurrection, and return) is a special occasion rather than a regular practice?

6. How do we make sure that the church understands that baptism and communion are both about Jesus and not "works" that gives any believer the right to be proud of what they have done?