2026-11-15 Discussion Questions

The pastor describes discipleship as learning from Jesus in order to teach others — in what ways does your current engagement with Scripture prepare you to share what you have discovered with the people in your life?

The sermon draws a distinction between reading the Bible out of habit or obligation and reading it with genuine hunger and expectation — what would need to change in your approach to Scripture for it to become a source of excitement rather than endurance?

John 1 presents Jesus as the Word who was present at creation and who became flesh to dwell among humanity — how does understanding Jesus as the living Word change the way you approach reading and applying Scripture?

The pastor warns that the church has often elevated the traditions of men above the Word of God, citing Jesus' rebuke of the Pharisees in Mark 7 — what personal or church traditions do you hold most tightly, and have you examined whether they align with what Scripture actually teaches?

John the Baptist proclaimed a baptism of repentance and called people to produce fruit in keeping with that repentance, as recorded in Matthew 3 — what does genuine, fruit-bearing repentance look like in your daily life, and how would others recognize it?

The pastor emphasizes that salvation is a calling of God to a broken and convicted heart rather than a decision prompted by social pressure or tradition — how would you describe the moment you became aware of your own need for a Savior, and what role did genuine conviction play in that experience?

Romans 6 connects baptism to the image of dying and rising with Christ — how does viewing baptism as a burial of the old self and a resurrection into new life deepen your understanding of what it means to follow Jesus?

The sermon suggests that many believers are more comfortable talking about their opinions, feelings, or the state of the world than about what God is actively doing in their lives — what is one specific thing God has shown you recently that you could share with someone who needs to hear it?

The pastor reflects on his own calling to preach only from what he has personally experienced and discovered in Scripture rather than simply repeating what he was taught — in what areas of your faith are you living on inherited belief rather than personal encounter with God and His Word?

Proverbs 3 cautions against leaning on our own understanding, and Jeremiah 17 warns that the heart is deceitful — how do you guard yourself against the tendency to interpret Scripture through the lens of what is comfortable or familiar rather than what it plainly says?