

### **Small Group Questions for December 10th**

Should we devote ourselves to the apostles' teaching and prayer alone, together, or both? Why and how?

How is 'fellowship' different than friendliness on Sundays or getting together midweek? What else is included?

Do you think others that see Christians or Stone Creek Christian Church are "filled with awe" (Acts 2:43)? Are you filled with awe when you reflect on either?

How can we devote ourselves to ... the apostles' teaching, prayer, fellowship and the breaking of bread?

What insight can you apply to your life this week? What specific action will help you do this?

### **No Small Group Questions for December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

### **No Small Group Questions for November 26th**

### **Small Group Discussion Questions for November 19th**

Small Group Questions/Discussion

Discussion Items - Read through Acts Chapter 1

One of the points of emphasis in the book of Acts is discipleship and evangelism - sharing the Good News - in relationship to others.

Think back on those people that were (or still are) in your life that taught you about Jesus and the Gospel.

Reflect and share with your group on the people in your life that need to hear the Gospel or that need discipleship or a relationship where the love of Jesus is shown.

Are you actively living out the Great Commission - to make disciples and teach the Gospel? What ways could you be intentional and seek out opportunities to do so?

### **Small Group Discussion Questions for November 12th**

- 1) Think back over the last few years. Have you generally been content and happy or more like stressed-out, afraid, or angry? Whatever you answered, do you have any thoughts about why?
- 2) What does "Gather the roses, not the thorns." mean to you? What do the roses represent to you? What do the thorns represent to you?
- 3) Read Daniel 3:8-30. Did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego believe that God could deliver them?
- 4) Did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego know that God would deliver them?
- 5) Should we pray for specific outcomes from God? Should we expect specific outcomes from God? How does this relate to our trust in Him and our happiness?

### **Small Group Reflections for November 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 1 - Reflect and share on your own testimony - how you came to believe in Jesus Christ, your baptism, your journey - share about impactful moments and individuals
- 2 - Name one, two or three people that you want to be intentional with showing the love and selflessness that Jesus has to offer - pray for them and pray for their hearts to be open to the Gospel

### **Small Group Questions for October 29<sup>th</sup> sermon**

What are some of the parables that you remember?

What are some examples of Jesus' teaching representing an "Upside Down Kingdom"?

Recall a time when you had different expectations than what God was doing.

Talk about someone or a few people who played a significant role in your life - what did they do?

Think about how you could play a similar role in someone else's life - who is that individual that might need you to make a difference.

What ways can you be intentional at working on...

- 1 - Loving God
- 2 - Loving Others
- 3 - Living out the Great Commission

### **Small Group Reflection Questions for October 22<sup>nd</sup> Sermon**

As a group ... read through at least one chapter in Luke 4 through 8.  
Is there a specific story that sticks out to you? Why?

What groups of people do you think Jesus would go to first if he started his ministry in 2023?

Out of these three groups (the crowds of people, the disciples, the Pharisees) who do you associate with or think you're similar to?

In what ways are you letting the truth of the Gospel lead your life in how you love others?

In what ways do you need to re-prioritize? Refocus? Change your mindset or perspective?

How can you do that this week? This month? This next year?

### **Small Group Discussion Questions for October 15<sup>th</sup> Sermon**

1) Share how you thought you had clarity about a situation or how to move forward, but it turns out you were mistaken.

2) Read Mark 4:35-41. The disciples thought they had clarity about the situation. How were they mistaken? What was Jesus teaching them?

3) Think of another situation in the Bible where someone thought they had clarity about a situation, but they were mistaken. What was God teaching them?

3) Read Isa. 55:8,9. In light of this passage, what are the limitations of our clarity? What are the benefits of our clarity?

4) If clarity is not the answer, what is God teaching us to do? Prov. 3:5,6.

### **Small Group/Discussion Questions for October 1<sup>st</sup> Sermon**

Read through all of the scripture references and discuss each prayer focus with your group.

Faithful and Obedient Leaders in the Church

A Loving, Compassionate, United Church Family  
Individual growth in Faith and Maturity

What is a hobby, skill, sport, etc. that you were or are currently devoted to? What started your passion in that area? What is the fruit you've yielded from it?

What is an area of your faith and personal journey that could benefit from being more devoted and disciplined?

### **Discussion questions for the September 17<sup>th</sup> Sermon**

#### Small Group Questions

- 1 - What is an area in your life you've seen good Spiritual fruit?
- 2 - What area or fruit are you currently working on and praying over?
- 3 - Are there areas of life where you need help, prayer, or forgiveness?
- 4 - Who are the individuals who affected your decision to follow Jesus?
- 5 - What ways are you trying to serve others in a similar way - discipleship? Mentorship? Ministry in 'church'? Or outside of the church?

### **Discussion questions for the September 10<sup>th</sup> Sermon**

1. Which fruit of the Spirit are you strong in right now?
2. Which fruit of the Spirit needs some 'pruning' in your life?
3. Think of a time when there's been a season of pruning in your life - what was the result?
4. Think of the individuals in your life who would help you prune.
5. Pray together for the patience and faithfulness that comes with a season of pruning.

### **Discussion questions for the August 27<sup>th</sup> Sermon**

1. Read through all of Matthew 13 this week. In Matthew 13:11 - Jesus mentions the kingdom of heaven. This entire chapter is filled with parables discussing that kingdom.  
- Which of these parables stuck out to you the most? Why?  
Reflect again on Matthew 13:1-9
2. What is one of your "strengths" as you consider the condition of your heart?

3. What is one of your "needs work" areas as you consider the condition of your heart?
4. What is one area of your life where you are intentionally 'planting seeds' in others? What's a potential area that you want to explore if you're not already intentionally planting seeds.