We Are RPC - We Value Faith
Sept 7, 2025 - Week 1
Small Group Guide

Key Takeaways:

1. The church needs to understand its purpose and values.

2. Jesus is at the core of everything we do as a church.

3. Following Jesus makes our lives better and makes us better at life.

4. The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith.

Discussion Questions:

1. The pastor mentioned three important questions for organizations and individuals: Why do we exist? What is our purpose? What are the things we value most? How would you answer these questions for yourself?

2. The sermon emphasized that Jesus came to give us abundant life (John 10:10). How have you experienced this "abundant life" in your own faith journey?

3. The pastor shared the story of Thomas doubting Jesus' resurrection. Have you ever had doubts about your faith? How did you work through them?

4. The sermon highlighted the historical evidence for Jesus' resurrection, including the disciples' willingness to die for their beliefs. How does this strengthen your faith?

5. Discuss the statement: "Jesus makes our lives better, but he also makes us better at life." What does this mean to you practically?

6. The pastor emphasized the importance of not just being concerned about eternity, but also about how we live now. How can we balance these two aspects of faith?

Practical Applications:

1. Take some time this week to write down your personal answers to the three key questions: Why do you exist? What is your purpose? What do you value most?

2. Reflect on areas of your life where you might be going through rituals rather than living out your faith missionally. How can you shift towards a more purposeful faith?

3. Consider ways you can demonstrate Jesus' teachings in your daily life, especially in loving others and serving your community.

4. If you have doubts or questions about your faith, commit to studying and seeking answers, just as the pastor did when he was younger.

5. Look for opportunities to share your faith story with others, focusing on how Jesus has changed your life and given you purpose.

6. Participate in the church's initiative to collect change for the Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives, involving your family in this act of service.

Prayer Focus:

Thank God for the purpose and value He gives our lives through Jesus. Ask for guidance in living out your faith more intentionally and for opportunities to share Jesus' love with others.