Group Chat

SUMMARY

The Church and the World

The risen Jesus reigns over his church and gives his people what they need to carry out his purposes. The church receives from Christ its message, its mission, and the spiritual gifts by which its members serve one another.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Acts 17:5-7. One of the early Christian announcements of the gospel was “Jesus is Lord.” How would you try to explain to someone why that is good news?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:13-14, and Jude 3. The content of the faith is something the church receives and passes on. Where are Christians or churches tempted to reshape what they have received?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-12, 18. Paul describes our gifts and places in the body as things God gives and assigns. How does receiving our gifts rather than choosing them challenge pride, envy, comparison, or passivity?