

## Life Group Questions We are the Church: Better Together | Week 2: Pastors Ephesians 4:11 | November 6, 2022

**Ice-Breaker:** Share about a pastor in your past who God used to bless and equip you to follow Jesus?

- 1. What stood out from Steven's sermon that challenged you, intrigued you, or that you'd like to discuss?
- 2. How do pastors "equip the saints for the work of the ministry?" When have you seen this done well? Follow up: Without sharing specific details/names, etc. when have you seen this *not* done well?
- 3. How has this series changed the way you've understood the roles of church member and pastor so far?
- **4.** In larger churches, pastors often function more like CEOs than shepherds. How does the biblical understanding of "shepherd" help shape what we should expect from pastors? Think not just of what you should expect *from* them but also what appropriate limitations should we expect from them as they operate as shepherds and not CEOs?
- **5.** Read John 10:12-18. How does Jesus elaborate on our understanding of what it means to be a good shepherd.
  - a. What characteristics from this passage are applicable to pastors?
  - b. What characteristics are unique to Jesus as the one true shepherd?
- 6. Thinking outside this series, what has God been teaching you lately?
- 7. Are you a member at Faith Church? If not, would you be willing to check out the Membership Class on November 20<sup>th</sup>? You can sign up today at <a href="www.faithkent.org/membership">www.faithkent.org/membership</a> If you're newer to the church, feel free to ask someone in your life group to attend with you if that's helpful!