

**Weekend Message Questions**  
**Series: Family Tree – Every Family Tree has Branches**  
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**Check-In**

- **How has your week been? Any updates or prayer requests to share with the group?**
- **Is there a vacation you are hoping to take this year?**

**Discuss**

**Opening Thought:**

- **John 15: 5 says I am the vine; you are the branches..." Talk about where you notice yourself trying to produce "fruit" apart from Jesus.**

**Read: Matthew 28:19–20, Matthew 5:14–16**

*A Church Inviting Everyone to Follow Jesus*

- What's the difference between making converts and making disciples?
- Who has helped disciple you in your walk with Jesus?
- Who might God be inviting you to walk alongside right now?

*A Church where people matter*

- How can busyness keep us from truly seeing others?
- When have you felt genuinely seen and valued in a church community?
- What would it look like for our group to slow down and care for people more intentionally?

*A Church in the Community, For the Community*

- Where has God placed you to be a light right now?
- What does loving your community look like beyond words?
- What's one practical way you can shine Jesus' light this week?

### *A Generous Church*

- What makes generosity difficult in our culture?
- How does trusting Jesus affect how we use our time, talents, and resources?
- Where have you seen generosity deepen your faith or someone else's?

### *A Healthy Church*

- How would you describe spiritual maturity?
- What helps you grow—and what tends to stunt your growth?
- How can this group encourage long-term spiritual health?

*Belonging & Ownership- Don't just attend, belong. Don't just watch, participate. Don't just inherit, invest.*

- What's the difference between attending church and belonging to it?
- What has God entrusted to you that could bless others?
- What would investing more deeply in this church look like for you?

### Dig Deeper

- We had a few more questions and topics this week, so take time to dig into the information above

Can you use prayer? <https://hopefellowship.net/prayer-request/>