

# Why You Need a Pastor & Church Family

24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

**25** And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

# GOD'S PLAN

## God Never Intended Believers to Walk Alone

- From Genesis to Revelation, God builds **families, tribes, assemblies, and churches**.
- Every sheep needs a **shepherd** (John 10:11–16).
- Every believer is called into **community** (Acts 2:42–47).
- God gives pastors as a **gift to the church** (Ephesians 4:11–12)

# Why do I need a Pastor?

## HAVING A PASTOR...

- To **feed** and **nourish** your spirit (Jeremiah 3:15).
- To **watch over your soul** (Hebrews 13:17).
- To **equip you** for spiritual growth (Ephesians 4:12–13).
- To **guide, protect, and correct** with love (1 Peter 5:2–3).
- To **model Christlike leadership** (1 Corinthians 11:1).

# Group Discussion

- Talk about what it means to you to have a pastor.
- Have there been seasons in your life when you didn't have a pastor? What did that feel like? How did it affect your spiritual growth?