



## THE CHURCH // IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS // SERIES SUMMARY

When people say 'church' many different things tend to come to mind. For some, church brings up images of stained glass, potlucks, and pews while others might view the church as religious, irrelevant, or detached. Additionally, many of us who go to church tend to define our perspective through the lens of our experiences and we rarely consider God's design for the church and our role within it.

We invite you to discover an incredible truth with us: God designed the church to be all about Jesus! Let's celebrate God's design for the local church, where Jesus leads, reigns, and permeates every aspect. Explore with us how mission, membership, and the roles of elders and deacons all connect with God's good plan to glorify His Son through His church!

DATE	WEEK	PASSAGE	TITLE
<b>3/31/24</b>	1	Colossians 1:15-23	It's All About Jesus
<b>4/7/24</b>	2	Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:42-47	Mission
<b>4/14/24</b>	3	Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26	Members
<b>4/21/24</b>	4	Acts 6:1-7, Acts 20:17-38, 1 Timothy 3:1-7	Elders
<b>4/28/24</b>	5	Acts 6:1-7, 1 Timothy 3:8-13	Deacons



## GOSPEL COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

### WEEK 1: It's All About Jesus

#### Colossians 1:15-23

1. **PASSAGE:** read the passage for this week and ask, "What stands out from what we just read together?"
2. **FOCUS:** why is it so important for us to remind ourselves that our church is "All About Jesus?" What happens in a church if this important truth is forgotten?
3. **CONFESSION:** what are some things that we tend to put at the center of our church apart from Jesus? What do you personally tend to put at the center of your life that isn't about Jesus?
4. **JESUS:** read Colossians 1:15-23 again. How do the truths about Jesus in this passage help realign my heart to want to make Jesus the center of all things?
4. **FAITH:** what role can you play in our church family to help us keep Jesus and the good news of His gospel at the center of our church culture?
5. **PRAYER:** take some time together as a Gospel Community to pray for Gospel Life Church and ask the Lord to keep us singularly focused on Jesus Christ in this next season.

### WEEK 2: Mission

#### Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 2:42-47

1. **PASSAGE:** take some time to read the passages for this week and ask, "What stands out from what we just read together?"
2. **FOCUS:** how are you personally carrying out the Great Commission in our church? How are you carrying it out in your other relationships? What are we doing as a GC to carry this out together?
3. **CONFESSION:** what other missions tend to compete with the Great Commission in your life? What other missions compete with the Great Commission in the culture of our church?
4. **JESUS:** read Matthew 28:18-20 again. How does the Great Commission point us to Jesus and why is it important to remember this?
5. **FAITH:** what will you do in this next season to make disciples in our own local church?
6. **PRAYER:** take some time as a Gospel Community to pray for Gospel Life Church and ask the Lord to keep us committed to the Great Commission above any other mission in our community.



### **WEEK 3: Members**

#### **Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-26**

1. **PASSAGE:** take some time to read the passages for this week and ask, “What stands out from what we just read together?”
2. **FOCUS:** what do these passages teach us about the Body of Christ?
3. **CONFESSION:** is there any way that you’ve been reserved, resistant, or rebellious to participating as a fully devoted gospel partner on mission with our church?
4. **JESUS:** how does church membership point us all to Jesus?
5. **FAITH:** what step of faith will you take in this next season to fully engage with our church family in the mission that Jesus has given us? Is there anything we can do as a Gospel Community to come alongside and support you with that step of faith?
6. **PRAYER:** take some time together as a Gospel Community to pray for Gospel Life Church and thank the Lord for the Members that are gospel partners on mission with us in our church family. Also, pray for anyone that may be struggling with the idea of church membership and ask the Lord to meet them, comfort them, and give them the faith to take a step toward belonging with our church family.

### **WEEK 4: Elders**

#### **Acts 6:1-7, Acts 20:17-38, 1 Timothy 3:1-7**

1. **PASSAGE:** take some time to read the passages for this week and ask, “What stands out what we just read together?”
2. **FOCUS:** what are church elders called to do in the local church? Why is character a necessary qualification for church elders?
3. **CONFESSION:** read Hebrews 13:17. What does this passage tell us about the church’s responsibility toward the elders? What might prevent you from doing this?
4. **JESUS:** how does the role of elder point us to Jesus in our local church?
5. **FAITH:** are there any men in our Gospel Community that may be considering the call to eldership in the future? Also, how might we as a GC bless and honor the current elders of our church in specific ways?
6. **PRAYER:** take some time together as a Gospel Community to pray for the elders of our church and pray for anyone in the GC that has expressed an interest in considering eldership in the future.



## **WEEK 5: Deacons**

### **Acts 6:1-7, 1 Timothy 3:8-13**

1. **PASSAGE:** take some time to read the passages for this week and ask, "What stands out from what we just read together?"
2. **FOCUS:** what are church deacons called to do in the local church? In what practical ways do deacons serve the body at Gospel Life?
3. **CONFESSION:** while deacons are called to be leading servants in the Body of Christ, every Christian in the church is called to serve. Have you ever been resistant to sacrificially serve our church family? If so, why do you think that is?
4. **JESUS:** how might the role of deacon in the local church point us to Jesus?
5. **FAITH:** what are some of the needs that you've seen in our church family in this season and what will you do to step forward to help meet those needs?
6. **PRAYER:** take some time together as a Gospel Community to pray for the deacons of our church. Pray for an increased willingness in this next season at Gospel Life to sacrificially serve our church family for the glory of God and our joy!