## **SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

"The World God Wants" – Pastor Chad Gilligan 2.4.24

1) What do you imagine the world would look like today if man had never sinned?

Read 1 Timothy 2:3-4 – "This is good, and pleases God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

- 2) What are some misnomers you have heard or used to believe about salvation?
- 3) What would you say to someone who is struggling with understanding/believing in salvation?

Read Romans 10:9-10 – "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."

- 4) Why is it important to hear about salvation regularly throughout our faith journey?
- 5) How did you learn about salvation? Do you remember who first told you about Jesus' death and resurrection? Share with your group.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 NLT – "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

- 6) What are practical ways we can better care for the world around us?
- 7) Pastor Chad spoke on 4 ways to love the world: giving a care, giving of resource, taking time to pray, and taking time to go. Which one do you feel challenged to grow in?

**Prayer:** Take a moment to pray for your group.