

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Sometimes we get too caught up in the routine of church—services, events, serving, songs, holidays—that we forget our mission. None of these things are necessarily bad things, but are pointless if we lose our purpose and why we are here. What is God’s vision for the church—a church for real life?

GETTING STARTED

1. Have you ever had a “not so good” church experience? What were some of the things that contributed to a bad experience?
2. Has a bad church experience ever caused you or someone you know to fall away from Christian community? What effect did the falling away have on your faith?

BIBLE IDEA

3. When have you seen the church “work” to help people discover real life? What made the church experience positive and life-giving?
4. Read Matthew 7:13-14. Why do you think the wide gate leads to destruction? Why do you think that “few” find the narrow gate? What role does church have in helping people find the right path?
5. For faith to be effective, it has to be real. Is there something holding you back from being real within the church community?

NEXT STEPS

6. What is one thing you could do this week to contribute to make this church a “church for real life?”