

# **Growth Group Questions**

*Welcome Home Weekend, October 12, 2025*

## **Introduction**

Scripture is very clear that a person is saved based on their individual faith and trust in Jesus as their Savior. No one *has* to be a member of a church. That said, would it be foolish for a Christian to avoid being part of a church when they have the opportunity?

## **Into the Word** – Ecclesiastes 4:7-12

1. Solomon wrote the book of Ecclesiastes seemingly toward the end of his life to share all the things that he had found meaningless in life. (“Under the sun” refers to things of this world – not heavenly or spiritual things.) Scan the book to find other things he calls “meaningless.”
2. Here Solomon tells us that a life alone is meaningless under the sun. Read verse 8 and discuss how greed sometimes leads to a lonely life.
3. What examples of the blessing of community does Solomon give in these verses? Can you think of any more?
4. Verse 12 has become a common wedding text. What connections would you make to marriage if you were preaching at a wedding?

## **Into the Word** – Hebrews 2:9-18

5. In what sense was Jesus ever “lower than the angels for a little while”?
6. Once his work of humility was done he took up his crown of glory again. Read the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostles’ Creed (“I believe in Jesus...”) and identify the steps of his humiliation and exaltation.

7. Verse 11 is the heart of these verses as we think about the Christian family we are celebrating this weekend. Explain the awesomeness of this verse as if you were talking to an unbeliever.
8. According to verses 14-17, why did Jesus have to be truly human as well as being fully God?

## **Into the Word** – Matthew 11:25-30

9. What does Jesus’ prayer in verse 25 say to us when we are frustrated that we don’t understand every detail about God or the Bible?
10. What things make us “weary and burdened” that Jesus can take away from us so that we can find rest?
11. The picture of a yoke here is the wooden bar that connects a team of oxen together. I once considered a sermon theme on that section of “Get hitched to Jesus!” Would that have been a good theme or not? 😊
12. Make a mental list of the things that are weighing you down right now, spiritually and otherwise. If you want to share these as a group, go ahead. If not, take a minute to say a prayer of thanksgiving that Jesus is offering to carry that burden for you.
13. How does being part of a Christian community help us find “rest for our souls”? How can Salem, and all our members, grow in this area of encouragement?

**Closing Prayer** – Heavenly Father, bless us as we gather together in your name, knowing that you are with us. Bless us in Christian community and guide us to be strong for one another and a blessing to one another. Amen.