



May 4th - May 10th

Use the questions below to help extend the impact of the week-end message. They are not only useful in your LifeGroup, but try discussing with your family, friends, and co-workers for even greater understanding and spiritual growth.

Opening (5-7 minutes)

- Icebreaker Question: Share one thing you love about being part of your church community. It could be a person, a memory, an event, or a feeling.
- Prayer: Open with a prayer thanking God for the gift of the church and asking for guidance in the discussion.
- Scripture Reading: Read Ephesians 4:11-16 together as a group.

Discussion (30-35 minutes)

- The sermon describes the church and its leaders as a gift from Christ to equip us (v. 11-12). How has your faith journey been impacted in a positive way by the church leaders who have mentored you?
- In what ways does our church feel like a “family growing together” (v. 13-14)? Share an example of a time when you felt supported or encouraged by this church family.
- Alan in his sermon compared the church to a lighthouse, with each member’s love and service making the light brighter. How do you see your unique gifts or actions contributing to the “light” of our church? How can we grow in this?
- The sermon challenges us to live out Cumberland’s mission of Growing in Faith, Sharing our Hope, and Serving in Love. Which of these three areas feels most natural to you, and which feels like a stretch? Why?
- Alan’s sermon suggested some practical actions for Cumberland in May: focusing on positives about our church, praying for God’s will, and connecting with someone new. Which of these challenges are you most excited to try, and how will you start?

Group Commitment

- As a LifeGroup, decide on one way to serve in love together this month (e.g., praying for a specific church need, helping a member in need, or encouraging a newcomer or someone who attends irregularly).

Closing Prayer

- Share prayer requests related to growing in faith, serving in love, or sharing our hope within the church.
- Pray for the church to reflect Christ’s love and unity, and for each member to shine their light. Encourage group members to pray daily for the church throughout May.