



Sermon Discussion Questions:

"The Church We Need"

09/13/26

- How does Paul's emphasis on relationships in 1 Thessalonians 5:13–18 challenge the ways we commonly evaluate whether a church is healthy?
- What is the difference between the church we want and the church we need, and why can that distinction be difficult to recognize?
- Which of Paul's instructions—living in peace, encouraging the disheartened, helping the weak, or practicing patience—most clearly reveals the character of Christ to a community?
- How can personal preferences contribute positively to church life without becoming the standard by which we judge the church?
- What might change when we understand church less as a collection of programs and more as a people being formed into the character of Jesus?
- Where do you see the temptation for a church to focus on what is attractive or familiar instead of what God is doing among its people?
- How do study, worship, service, and self-giving point us back to Christ and help form us into the church the world needs?