



Weekly Sermon Based Discussion Questions

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DIGGING DEEPER:

1. When Jesus says, “Come to me, all who are weary and burdened,” what kind of weariness do you think He’s addressing most deeply — physical exhaustion, spiritual emptiness, emotional heaviness, or all of those? How have you personally experienced weary and burdened?
2. Why do you think so many people who feel overlooked or unwanted struggle to believe that Jesus’ invitation really includes them? In what ways has the church contributed to that feeling?
3. If the church is meant to represent Jesus’ open arms to the world, what do you think people see when they look at us? What would have to change for them to clearly see Jesus through us?
4. In what ways have you experienced the difference between being entertained and being encouraged in church life? How can we tell when our gatherings have drifted from one to the other?
5. Encouragement means “to pour courage into someone.” Who has done that for you in a time of deep discouragement, and what did that look like? How is God calling you to do the same for someone else right now?
6. What invisible burdens do you think most people in our church are carrying beneath their “Sunday smiles”? What would it look like for us to become a community where those burdens can safely be shared and carried together?
7. How does the call to “bear one another’s burdens” (Gal. 6:2) challenge our tendency to keep faith private or individual? What fears or barriers often keep us from doing this consistently?
8. Why do you think encouragement is treated like an optional kindness in many churches when Scripture presents it as a clear command? What cultural or spiritual shifts would it take to make encouragement part of our church’s DNA?
9. If Hope Church became known throughout Danville as “the church that refreshes hearts” (like Philemon 1:7), what would that practically look like in our worship, our relationships, and our community presence?
10. Jesus didn’t just invite people to come to Him — He sent His followers to represent Him. What would it look like for you, personally, to live as an ambassador of that invitation this week? Whose life might God want you to “pour courage into”?