Homework Questions from:
The Gospel-Centered Community (Lesson 5) &
Nine Marks of a Healthy Church (Mark Five)

From Gospel-Centered Community, Lesson 5:

i. What stood out to you from Lesson 5? Anything particularly interesting or challenging?

ii. The article talked about the difference between *justification* and *sanctification*. In your own words, explain the difference between the two.

iii. The article warns that we often tend to "base our justification on our sanctification," which leads to despair and discouragement. Do you see that tendency in your life? What effect does it have on your spiritual life?

iv. From the exercise on pages 58-61, is there anything you'd like to share?

a. From step three on page 61: spend some time sharing some things you are grateful for and joyful about as a result of the truth of the realities mentioned in these steps.

From Nine Marks of a Healthy Church, Mark Five:

i. From pages 148-149. Is all discipline negative? According to Dever, how is discipline positive? How have you experienced this in your own life?

ii. From pages 150-151. What does Paul assume in writing 1 Corinthians 5:9-10?

iii. As you read through the eight passages on church discipline referenced on pages 152-158, what stands out to you about God? Sin's serious? The church's role?

iv. From page 159. How has the church's lack of discipline affected evangelism?

v. From pages 165-169. Were you surprised by any of these reasons why a church should practice church discipline? If so, which one and why?