

# LIFEGROUPS

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## **Sermon-based Discussion Questions**

1. When people see the word “free” in our church’s name, what do you think they might think it means?
2. If you heard the sermon, what does the “free” in E-Free Bemidji actually mean? How did we define “congregational governance”? Do you have any questions or concerns about either of these?
3. Why do you think some people aren’t interested in church governance or might choose to shy away from it? How involved do you think Christians ought to be? Why?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:4-10 (esp. verses 5 and 9) and Revelation 1:4-6 (esp. verse 6). Have you ever thought of yourself as being part of the “priesthood of believers”? What do you think this means?
5. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. How do you think these verses might relate to church governance?
6. E-Free Bemidji is an autonomous church that’s associated with the Evangelical Free Church of America. What are some of the benefits of cooperating with other believers and Christian organizations? What are some of the dangers of churches isolating or trying to do everything on their own?