

## Sermon Discussion Questions

### **Our Focus**

October 13, 2019

1. Given some of what was shared in the sermon, would you rather...
  - a. Go white water rafting or canoeing down a lazy river?
  - b. Climb a climbing wall or watch someone climb a climbing wall?
  - c. Be a teacher of the Bible or use a different spiritual gift to help someone live in alignment with the Bible (what other spiritual gift would you use, and how would you use it)?
2. What do these passages have in common: Matthew 7:15-20; 2 Corinthians 11:12-15; 2 Peter 2:1-3? Identify what the warnings are for each passage. How can we ensure that we won't be led astray from the truth?
  - a. Jeremy read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Read the same passage and go through 2 Timothy 4:4. How have you seen this in our day and age (what are myths that people turn to)?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 13 in its entirety. How well do we love as a church? How well do you love as individual Christians? How might we improve our ability to love in word and deed (1 John 3:18)?
4. Hebrews 4:12-13 is a great passage about the power of God's Word. Has God used His Word in your life like this passage says it can be used? Share your stories.
  - a. James 1:22-25 supports what Jesus said in Matthew 7:24-27. What do these two passages teach us are the benefits to living in alignment with God's Word?
5. HDG's are our best environments to help everyone stay focused on our Central Ministry Focus: *Guiding people through teaching and intentional relationships to live in alignment with the whole truth of God's Word*. Who can we invite to be a part of our HDG so more people can be guided?
  - a. What hinders people from joining HDG's? How can we break down the barriers?