

1. What does it mean to be baptized by the Spirit? How is this different from baptism by water? What is the importance of both of them? (1 Cor 12:12-21)
2. Pastor Jeff alternately said “Jesus is always concerned about his body” and “Jesus loves his bride”, and referenced Ephesians 5. What special call does this put on men in the church?
3. What are the signs of the church? How would these have been radical in the first century? Are they still radical today? (Acts 2:42)
4. How do you feel when you hear the Greek meaning of the word “to stir up”? Do you want to be irritated, prodded, and spurred on by others to grow in your faith? Do you find it comfortable or intimidating to “stir up” others particularly at small group? (Hebrews 10: 24-25).
5. Have you ever found yourself thinking, “I love Jesus, but I don’t like/can’t stand/hate the church”? If so, how do you find yourself responding to 1 John 4:8-10?
6. Do you consider yourself an ambassador – of kingdom importance, of kingdom appointment, of kingdom significance – and if not, what is the obstacle in your walk to owning that identity? (2 Cor 5:20-21)
7. Imagine you before you were saved and your walk now. Now imagine going to a class reunion with people who knew you before you were saved. What would others say about how you demonstrate your walk – without knowing you had a walk with Christ?
8. What can compete with a new believer’s allegiance to Christ? How does knowing about the “new creation” and the “new self” aid in that realization?

Accountability Question: This will be a bit uncomfortable... are you finding it difficult to be kind, tenderhearted, or forgiving, (Eph 4:2), servant-hearted, welcoming, or agreeable (Romans 14-16) with other members of your small group? What do you think the Spirit is trying to show you through fellowship with them?