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Digging Deeper Sermon Review: March 6, 2022

Group Check-in

Open with prayer and follow up from the previous meeting. Feel free to utilize the following if they are helpful:

- Check in on past prayer requests, evidence of grace, and things for which to be grateful.
- How's your soul this week?
 - What's been hard?
 - Where is sin alluring/tempting?
 - Where is God at work in your life?
 - Where has God been good to you this past week?
 - Who are the unbelievers you are praying for?
 - Did you have any gospel opportunities in the past week?

Dig Deeper into the Sermon: "The Very Nerve and Center" (Ephesians 1:7)

Have someone read Sunday's text. Consider working through some of the following questions as a group:

- Charles Spurgeon said, "There is not a particle of true sanity in all the world that does not spring from the cross of Christ." What does he mean? Do you agree?
- What is "the very nerve and center" of the Christian faith?
- According to Martyn Lloyd-Jones, why is it important that we continually focus on the gospel, analyzing it and making sure we grasp it?
- What is "of first importance" according to the Apostle Paul (1Cor 15:3)?
- In your own words, what is the gospel?

- What does the Apostle Paul's exhortation in 1Cor 15:2 to "hold fast to the word" imply?
- Where do you find yourself when you lose your grip on the gospel?
- What is emotionalism? Did you struggle with it at all this week? How can you regain a grip on the gospel?
- What is legalism? Did you struggle with it at all this week? How can you regain a grip on the gospel?
- What is condemnation? Did you struggle with it at all this week? How can you regain a grip on the gospel?
- What does it mean to be set free by the work of Christ?
- Do you tend to think of sin and forgiving sin as a problem for God? Explain.
- In what ways do we see the justice and love of God in the cross of Christ?
- Do you find your joy in the gospel? If not, how can you go about cultivating gospel joy?
- How does the gospel inspire and protect joy?
- Do you agree with Rick's statement that Christians should be the happiest people in the world?
- Do you tend to think you have the gospel down and so don't need to hear it again? Did anything said in the sermon change that view? If so, what changed?
- What does celebrating the Lord's Supper mean to you? Why should it be meaningful every time we partake as a church?

Wrap up with Prayer

Consider ways in which you can pray for one another in light of the direction the Spirit has led your discussion time.