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**Sermon Discussion Guide** Series: What's the Point? Sermon: What's the Point of the Church?

# Recap the Highlights:

# What's the Point of the Church?

# The Church has faced challenges to its integrity throughout history:

- 1. The church was challenged by <u>Heresy.</u> Galatians 1:6
- 2. The church was challenged by <u>Hyposcrisy.</u> Galatians 2:11-13
- 3. The church was challenged by <u>Selfishness</u> leading to <u>Division</u>. Galatians 5:13

### How do we keep the Gospel Simple at Compel?

- **Embrace Truth** I can know God and be transformed through His Word.
- **Experience Freedom** Life change happens best in the context of meaningful relationships.
- Live Intentionally God has given me a gift for a purpose.
- Make A Difference My gift was given to honor God and bless others.

### Now Dig Deeper:

- 1. What does the Church mean to you? Has that changed over the course of your life?
- 2. Pastor Michael talked about how things usually start out simple and over time we naturally complicate them. Can you think of a time when you were in a simple scenario and ended up overcomplicating it?
- 3. When Paul wrote to the church about heresy, he talked about beliefs and traditions that people were practicing that were true to the saving of Jesus Christ. Talk about beliefs that you once had or knew about that people practiced that you later learned weren't truths.
- 4. Talk about examples of hypocrisy in the church that have caused division. How can we help overcome those and help others when others experience this?
- 5. Where are you currently on your journey? What is your next step? Spend some time discussing this with your group.

# Respond & Pray:

• Pray as a group and ask God to reveal your next steps to you. Pray that you can help each other grow closer to Him by taking those steps.