

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.*

1. How does the Bible describe the Church? How is the Church different than an institution, organization, or business?
2. What is the primary role of an Elder? What is the primary role of a Deacon? How are these leadership roles different than the leadership roles in man-made institutions?
3. The Bible describes Jesus as both a "shepherd" (1 Peter 5.4, John 10.11) and a "servant" (Philippians 2.4-11). How do these words characterize the leadership of Jesus in the New Testament? How should these words characterize the leadership of Elders and Deacons in His Church today?
4. Read 1 Timothy 3.1-13. What kind of qualifications does the Apostle Paul give for officers in the Church? What do these qualifications say about the heart of an Elder or a Deacon?
5. Read Ephesians 4.11-12. Why has Christ appointed leaders to shepherd and serve His Church? What does this mean for the role that He has given you?
6. Who is called to the work of ministry in the local church? How are you living out this calling at PCPC?
7. In what way is Jesus the Head of the Church? How does Paul describe the Church when Christ is the Head (see Ephesians 4.16)?