

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*The following questions help us engage with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service, and may be useful during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.*

1. When Paul says we were “dead in trespasses and sins,” what do you think he’s really getting at? How does this shape the way we understand our condition apart from God, not just as struggling, but spiritually lifeless?
2. What does it look like in real life to be “following the course of this world”? How might this connect to the bigger picture of belonging either to Adam or to Christ?
3. Paul mentions “the prince of the power of the air.” How do you understand his influence in the world, and even in our own lives before coming to faith?
4. Do you find it striking that Paul says “we all once lived” this way? How does that shared experience shape the way we view ourselves and others, especially through the lens of our identity in Adam?
5. Paul talks about both “the passions of our flesh” and “the desires of the mind.” How does that expand our understanding of sin beyond just outward actions to what’s going on inside us?
6. What do you think it means to be “by nature children of wrath”? How does that connect to the idea that we’re born into a broken relationship with God under Adam’s federal headship?
7. How does this sobering passage make you think differently about God’s work in chapter one, and the grace described just a few verses later?
8. Why is it important that salvation comes entirely from God’s initiative?