# Summarizing Thoughts from Congregational Meeting Discussion:

Discussion Question 1: What Does it Look Like When You Meet With God?

1. Individually?
   1. Quietness, stillness, solitude
   2. In creation, enjoying nature
   3. Reading Scripture
   4. The impact of others:
      1. Testimony
      2. Word from the Lord
      3. Encouragement
   5. Prayer
   6. Reading – devotional books, other books
   7. Creative expression
   8. Combination of intentional times and on the go times as you go about your day – driving, at the gym, on the couch etc.
2. As a Church?
   1. Life Groups
   2. Deep Relationships with People:
      1. Being intentional about discussing spiritual matters
      2. being willing to go deeper and be vulnerable
      3. sharing testimonies
      4. having authenticity
      5. being open and raw
   3. Serving with others
   4. Spiritual life with family – spouse and/or kids
   5. Singing together

Discussion Question 2: What Does a Growing Relationship With Jesus Look Like?

1. Individually?
   1. Having a faith project (something can’t do in your own strength)
   2. Production of fruit
   3. God’s desires developing in you
   4. Consistency in walk regardless of circumstances
   5. Confidence in God’s provision
   6. Seeing through Christ’s eyes
   7. Contentment
   8. Balance between time on our own with Christ and connecting in fellowship with other believers
   9. Hunger for more of Jesus
   10. Desire to share Christ with others
   11. People see Jesus in us
   12. Relying on Jesus in the day to day
   13. Gratitude and thankfulness
2. As a church?
   1. Growth visible to outsiders over time
   2. Meeting needs inward and outward – helping hurting people around us
   3. Receptivity to the challenge and correction of others
   4. Deep sharing – what we are struggling with, what God is doing in our lives
   5. Outreach, thinking beyond ourselves
   6. Looking past differences that don’t matter to grow in the areas that do
   7. Valuing each other above ourselves
   8. Praying with one another
   9. Confession of sin to each other
   10. Noticing the fruit of the spirit in others
   11. Serving alongside friends, mentors in teams
   12. Not shirking tough situations/potential conflicts

Discussion Question 3: What is One Change that would Bring the Most Significant Impact?

1. To your life?
   1. Aware of needs of others
   2. Slow down to hear God’s voice, see God at word
   3. Not be anxious
   4. Learn to depend on God continually
   5. Take all opportunities to bless, even seemingly small ones
   6. Understanding faith as trust
   7. Cultivating daily spiritual disciplines
2. To the life of our church?
   1. Further forms of testimony
   2. Thinking of the words of the song prior to singing
   3. Truth communicated through story
   4. Walking with each other through the valets and mountain tops
   5. Really listen to what someone is saying
   6. Servant leadership
   7. Openness to love and accept people with “messy lives”
   8. Transparency, willing to be vulnerable
   9. Openness to change
   10. Big faith
   11. Faith Goals, committing ourselves to things that we can’t do without God.
   12. Pray in groups during the service
   13. Serving those in need