

GUIDING QUESTIONS

These guiding questions keep us on track as a church. Time in these questions ensures we are loving God, one another, and the world well as we plan ministry and face decisions. They can be used for the church as a whole or for individuals. For example, we may be asked to participate in an event put on by other organizations in our city. If we see that the event violates some of these guiding questions, we will decline participation. A family or individual could likewise use these questions when facing opportunities or decisions.

- How does this opportunity align with **scripture?**
 - o *Does this opportunity violate scripture in any way?*
- How does this opportunity communicate or clarify the **gospel?**
 - o *Does this opportunity distort the gospel in any way?*
- What have we thought and felt as we have approached this opportunity in **prayer?**
 - o *Have we neglected prayer in this opportunity?*
- How does this opportunity help **integrate** Jesus into their home, work, and leisure?
 - o *Could this opportunity harmfully segregate Jesus from parts of our life?*
- How does this opportunity foster **relationships?**
 - o *Is there a risk for shallowness, superficiality, isolation, or partiality?*
- How will this opportunity **equip** the church family for life in Christ?
 - o *Are we missing any opportunities to develop someone?*
- How does this opportunity support healthy **rhythms** of work and rest?
 - o *Will this opportunity overwork someone?*
- How does this opportunity serve the **community** of Troy or beyond?
 - o *Does this opportunity risk the dignity of our neighbor or create a power dynamic?*