CHURCH OF THE
Good Shepherd

Sermon Discussion Questions: November 8, 2026

Gathering in a Grace-Filled Community

Sermon Series: Renewing our Vision and Mission

Passage: Colossians 3:11-17

1. We belong to Christ (v. 11)

   Paul says that in Christ, the distinctions that once divided people no longer determine their standing or belonging in the church. What kinds of differences or divisions make it difficult for people to experience genuine community today? How does remembering that Christ has brought us together change the way we view and treat one another?

2. We put on Christ (vv. 12–14)

   Paul calls us to put on compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and love. Which of these qualities comes most naturally to you and which do you find most difficult? What would it look like to intentionally practice one of these qualities in a relationship this week?

3. We extend the grace we've received (vv. 12–14)

   Paul specifically calls us to bear with one another and forgive one another as the Lord has forgiven us. Why can it be so difficult to extend grace to people who have hurt, disappointed, or frustrated us? How does remembering the forgiveness we've received from Jesus change the way we approach difficult relationships?

4. We live for Christ (vv. 15–17)

   Paul describes a community shaped by the peace of Christ, the word of Christ, and gratitude to Christ. How do these realities shape the way we worship, encourage, challenge, and care for one another? What would it look like for our community group to become a place where the word of Christ dwells richly?

5. Embodying the gospel together

   Simon described the aspiration for Good Shepherd to become a community characterized by deep and authentic relationships, intergenerational fellowship, and grace-shaped relationships. Which of these aspirations do you think is most important for our church to grow in right now? What is one practical step you could take to help Good Shepherd become a place where people experience the love of Jesus through one another?