



# TALK IT OVER

*Our Talk It Over is prepared each week by the teaching pastor and is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each listener. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel.*

## Warm-Up

Share about a time you invested time or energy into something without seeing immediate results. How did you stay motivated?

## Discuss

1. Why do you think God sometimes calls us to work in ways where results aren't immediately visible?
2. What are some real, practical needs in your community that might go unnoticed by most people?
3. How do spaces for gathering (church buildings, parks, coffee shops) play a role in helping people encounter Jesus?
4. What does it look like for a church to not just "offer services" but to truly serve its community?
5. How do you personally stay encouraged when change feels slow or hard?



## Apply

1. What need around you is God opening your eyes to right now?
2. Where might God be asking you to be a "driver" — literally or figuratively — to help someone take a next step toward hope, healing, or Jesus?
3. How can you engage more intentionally with spiritual practices like worship or small groups to stay rooted in Christ during this season?
4. What one way could you contribute—your time, talent, or financial resources—to help make Jesus more visible in your community?
5. Where in your life do you need to take a "both/and" approach instead of an "either/or" when it comes to faith and priorities?

## Act

Brainstorm one tangible way you could meet a small need in your community this week — it could be writing encouragement cards to teachers, offering to babysit for a single parent, collecting gas cards for someone with transportation challenges, or inviting neighbors to share a meal. Choose one action and commit to completing it this week.

## Pray

Lord, thank you for calling us to be part of your work, even when the results take time to grow. Give us eyes to see the needs around us and the courage to respond with love. Help us serve faithfully, give generously, and stay rooted in you as we join in transforming our community. Amen.