

Small Groups

DISCUSSION GUIDE

“UNCOMMON” PART 2

PASTOR BLACKBURN & PASTOR SELLERS – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

AS THE DISCUSSION LEADER, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Review your notes from the Sunday message and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions before your group meeting.
- Choose a few questions from the guide that will generate the most discussion in your group.

GETTING TO KNOW ME (ICEBREAKER):

- If you could design your “perfect church experience,” what are 3 things you would want it to have? After everyone answers, ask: How easy is it for us to approach church from the perspective of “What can I get?” rather than “What can I give?”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Have someone read John 4:31–34.

- **Jesus said, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work.”** What do you think Jesus meant when He described doing God’s will as something that nourished Him?
- **The message contrasts consumers and contributors.** What do you think characterizes someone who approaches church primarily as a consumer?
- **The message says, “The church does not exist for us, but we are the church, and we, as the church, exist for the world.”** What does that statement mean to you personally?
- **Read Romans 12:6–8 together.** Which of the gifts mentioned in this passage do you think God has given you? How have you used that gift to serve others?
- **The message makes an important distinction between serving “in” the church and serving “as” the church.** What is the difference? What might serving “as the church” look like outside the church building?
- **Read Matthew 5:14–16.** Jesus says, “You are the light of the world.” What are some practical ways we can let our light shine in our families, workplaces, neighborhoods, and community?
- **The message says, “Often, people are not going to be impacted by what you say, but they will be impacted by what you do.”** Can you think of a time when someone’s actions, kindness, encouragement, or sacrifice impacted you more than their words?
- **Where do you think God may be calling you to move from consumer to contributor right now?** Is there a ministry, person, need, or opportunity where you could begin serving?
- **The message ends with a personal commitment: “Today, I’m recommitting my life to service as The Church of Jesus Christ.”** What would making that commitment actually look like in your life this week?

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

- Anna & Justin Gilpin (Eliza, Abby) – *Philippines*
- Robb & Rhonda Hawks – *Oral Learners Initiative*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wednesday, September 23** – Remember all Victory Life Classes, Support Groups, Royal Rangers, Girl’s Ministries, and VSC! (6:30 PM)
- **Sunday, October 4** – Join us for GrowTrack each Sunday morning in the GrowTrack Room at 10:45 AM. You will learn about the Vision and Mission of Victory Church.