

## Sermon Discussion Guide March 10, 2024

## Refresh

Read Ephesians 4:11 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

## **Discuss**

Before Sunday's sermon, what was your understanding of an evangelist? How was that shaped by your own church experience throughout your life?

How are the gifts of evangelist and Pastor-Teacher connected to the first two gifts mentioned in verse 11? How are these two gifts distinct from the former two?

Have you ever met someone who was a gifted evangelist? How was their giftedness evident to you?

In what ways has the New Testament called all believers to be evangelizing unbelievers around us? Why do you think believers often neglect to evangelize others around them? What have you found to help you grow in your personal evangelism?

Spend some time as a group reflecting on the imagery of a shepherd throughout the Bible. Why do you think God uses this kind of imagery to describe the work of a pastor?

Why is preaching/teaching a particularly critical role in being a shepherd or pastor? How does Paul describe preaching/teaching 2 Timothy 4:1-5? What are the dangers of a pastor not being a qualified preacher/teacher of the Word?

How do the tasks of teaching, leading, and caring helpfully summarize the role of a pastor? Which of these tasks do you think is overemphasized in the evangelical world today? Why do you think that is?