



### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What does this passage say about the identity and the purpose of the local church? What do you think it means to “declare the praises?” Read also Psalm 146. It starts and ends with the refrain- “praise the Lord.” Why is it important for us to praise the Lord? How does this Psalm speak into that?
2. Read John 13:12-17, Eph. 4:11-12 & Heb. 10:24-25. What do these passages have to say about mutual edification? What activities contribute to this?
3. Read John 20:19-21, Matthew 20:18-20, Romans 1:16-17, Romans 10:13-15, Acts 1:8 and Luke 10:25-37. What do these passages have to say about being “propelled outwards into our world carrying the good news? What commands do you find here and what promises?

### **B. Meditation & application**

4. How would you define “worship?” What do the above passages on worship reveal to you about worship (1 Peter 2:9-10 & Psalm 146)? Why do you think worship matters and how does our church do at “worship?” How could you contribute to us fulfilling our God-given call toward worship?
5. What do the above passages (John 13, Eph. 4 & Hebrews 10) highlight to you about the process of mutual edification within the church? What activities and actions facilitate this and what role do you play in this process in our church family and what role could you play? Who and how could you seek to edify and bless in this coming week?
6. Looking at the above passages on outreach (evangelism and Service), how could you be propelled outwards carrying the good news and how could we as a church grow in our capacity to reach out?

Dear heavenly Father- Thank you for recognizing that you made us for community. Help us to be passionate about belonging to the church, seeking to worship you with all our hearts, seeking to bless and grow those around us and seeking to go in the power of the Spirit making known the mystery of the gospel in both our words and our deeds. In Jesus Name- Amen.