

PASSING THE  
**FAITH**  
To the Next Generation



## Small Group Questions

**Speaker:** Pastor Dave Hentschel

**Date:** April 12, 2026

**Text:** 2 Tim 2:14-19

**Sermon Title:** “How do we pass on a healthy, unified church?”

1. Paul warns against “quarreling about words” (v.14). What kinds of arguments or debates among Christians today might fall into this category? Why do you think they are so common?
2. Gray Areas. In the sermon, gray areas were defined as issues where sincere Christians can disagree based on legitimate interpretations of Scripture. What are some examples of gray areas you’ve personally seen cause tension among believers?
3. Personal Reflection. Think about a time when you felt strongly about an issue that later turned out to be a secondary issue rather than an essential one. What did you learn from that experience?
4. Unity in the Church. This sermon emphasized that differences in gray areas should not destroy fellowship among believers. Why do you think disagreements about non-essential issues can become so emotionally intense in churches?
5. False Teaching. Paul compares false teaching to gangrene that spreads (v.17). Why is false doctrine so dangerous to a church? What are some examples of teachings that would undermine core Christian beliefs?
6. Essential Doctrines. The sermon described cardinal doctrines as beliefs essential to the Christian faith. Which doctrines would you consider absolutely essential to the gospel, and why?
7. Speaking the Truth in Love. The sermon emphasized that we should defend essential doctrines but do so with love and humility. What does it look like to stand firm in truth while still showing gentleness and respect toward those who disagree?
8. Handling Scripture Carefully. 2 Timothy 2:15 calls believers to “rightly handle the word of truth.” What are some practical ways Christians can grow in interpreting the Bible faithfully?
9. Guarding the Church’s Foundation. The introduction compared a leaning skyscraper with a church whose foundation becomes compromised. What are some warning signs that a church may be drifting away from its biblical foundation?
10. Passing the Faith to the Next Generation. The sermon series theme is “Passing the Faith to the Next Generation.” How can our attitudes toward unity, truth, and Scripture influence the faith of younger believers watching us?

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