



## Week 4 – October 26, 2025 Sermon

*Please review these questions  
and write your answers prior to  
attending your Life Group*

*meeting. The sermon manuscript and these questions can  
be accessed each week at  
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### **Getting to Know One Another**

1. What have you been grateful for this week or struggling to be grateful for?

2. How much trick-or-treater traffic do you get on Halloween where you live, if any?

3. Do you have a favorite candy that's not made anymore? If not, what is your favorite candy now?

### **Into The Sermon**

4. Did the Church environment you grew up in (or that you were first part of as an adult) teach about the Protestant Reformation sparked by Martin Luther? If so, did it do so positively, negatively, or something else?

5. Is there a particular way you notice that self-righteousness like that of the Pharisee has been a particular temptation for you?

6. What was the best news you took away from the sermon?

7. When scripture indicates (in Jeremiah 14:20 and elsewhere) that we are responsible for sins of our ancestors, this is commonly received as bad news. Can you see how this recognition might open up opportunities to make an impact for God's kingdom in ways we might not otherwise recognize?

8. Martin Luther was the key figure and catalyst for the Protestant Reformation, which brought accountability to the Church and an indispensable truth of the Gospel back into the light. However, as the years went on Luther became increasingly antisemitic. For example, he wrote a document titled, "On the Jews and Their Lies" in 1543, which included words like this:

"And so, dear Christian, beware of the Jews . . . you can see how God's wrath has consigned them to the Devil, who has robbed them not only of a proper understanding of the Scriptures, but also of common human reason, modesty and sense. . . . Thus, when you see a real Jew you may with a good conscience cross yourself, and boldly say, 'There goes the Devil incarnate.'"

Words like this were even employed by the Church against Jews in support of Nazism. So, what are we Christians to make of this? How can we reconcile all of this?

### **Regarding Our Province, the ACNA**

9. Take this opportunity to share anything that came up for you in response to the news that allegations of misconduct have been made against Archbishop Steve Wood.

### **One-Sentence Prayers**

10. Do you have any prayer requests for one-sentence prayers?