



## **Week 5: We Are the Church That Moves Forward (Bethlehem Lutheran Church - BLC)**

**Special Guests:** Pastor Bolling and Pastor Chris

**Theme:** Looking ahead to what God is doing through our church and campuses.

### **Key Scripture Readings:**

#### **Ephesians 4:1-6**

*I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

#### **John 17:20-23**

*I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What does it mean for a church to “move forward” in faith?
2. How does maintaining unity help us step into the future together?
3. What challenges will we face as we grow together?
4. How can we each play a role in the future of our church’s mission?

### **Reflection & Application:**

- Write down one way you have seen God at work in our church over the past year.
- What is one area where you believe God is calling our church to grow?
- How can you personally invest in the future of our congregation?

### **Action Challenge:**

- Pray for the future of our church and its leadership.
- Identify one way you can contribute to the church’s vision for the future.
- Commit to supporting the next step in the church’s mission—whether through service, giving, or outreach.