



## Week Two Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean for the church to be in the midst of the world? How do we think of our brothers and sisters as being roses and lilies in the midst of the world?
2. What would it do for your life, your community and your church if we all saw others as a gift mediated to us through Jesus Christ?
3. Has the false understanding of the church, as an idolized community, ever gotten you in trouble? If so, what, can and how do we and should we remind ourselves that the church is simply the fellowship of believers?
4. How might that simpler understanding or disciplined understanding of the church work to empower its reach?
5. Bonhoeffer writes, Human love breeds hothouse flowers; spiritual love creates the foods they grow healthfully in accord with God's good will in the rain and storm and sunshine of God's outdoors. What does this mean? How did it summarize his argument about the church?