

## **Deeper and Wider Than Ever**

We believe following Jesus makes your life better and makes you better at life, and we want our local church to inspire people to follow him. In this message, Andy Stanley talks about how and why we do church the way we do.

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What is it about our local church that is different than the church you grew up in? If you didn't grow up in church, what is it about our church that resonated with you?
- 2. Our goal is for our church to be irresistible. To do that, we are mindful that we are regularly making first impressions to new guests. Therefore, we are mindful of three questions:
  - What do they see? Do we look like we are expecting guests? Do guests see themselves among us?
  - What do they hear? What's our reputation in the community? Is our content helpful?
  - What do they experience? How do people feel when they visit? Are we believable and approachable?
- 3. Read Acts 15:19, where James (Jesus's brother) made a statement on how religious people, rooted in tradition, were to approach people who had no faith background. What are some unnecessary "difficult" things that people outside of faith could experience today.
- 4. Read **1 Corinthians 9:19–23**. In this passage, Paul talked about how he suspended his rights for the sake of drawing other people to Jesus. What are some modern-day examples of how we can give up our "rights" for the sake of endearing people to Jesus?