



GOING DEEPER AT HOME

OCTOBER 3: BUMPING ELBOWS

One of the benefits of having to make the table bigger is you get to share the meal with more people, this however can lead to there being a little less room around the table and people bumping elbows as they try to eat. As the church grows with more people who are not like us one of the things that happens is that we end up disagreeing with them, leading to conflict. So how do we sit at the table with people we disagree with? It is possible to sit at the table with people we disagree with & love them even though we disagree with them.

SCRIPTURE:

Romans 14:1 - 23

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. When sitting at a table for a meal, do you prefer sitting at the end of the table or the side? Why?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. Respond to the statement "it is possible to sit at the table with people we disagree with & love them even though we disagree with them." Is this true? Why or why not?
4. On a scale of 1 - 10 (1 being poor and 10 being very good) how well do you think the church handles disagreement or conflict? Why is that?
5. In verses 1 - 3 Paul says we are accept those who are weak in faith, those who are still working out their faith. Who is someone in your life that is still working out their faith that you might be disagreeing with right now? How can you extend grace to them? Why is it important for us to remember that we are all still working out our faith?
6. Read verse 13. Paul says not to judge those we disagree with. How easy is this for you follow & why?
7. Respond to the statement "if my need to be right keeps someone from following Jesus I'm wrong."
8. What things are essential & what things are non-essential when it comes to faith?
9. Who is someone you disagree with and avoid but the Holy Spirit is inviting you to move toward?
10. How is the the Holy Spirit inviting you to respond? What step(s) of obedience can you start taking today?