



GOING DEEPER AT HOME

OCTOBER 10: THANKSGIVING MEAL

There is something about getting together with other people to celebrate, whether it's thanksgiving, Christmas or a birthday. Somehow being with other people makes the celebration feel more special. And if we're honest, being left out of a celebration does not feel good at all, but yet, sometimes we are left out, excluded from the celebration. The church however, is supposed to be the one place no one is excluded. In a world filled with division, the church offers community in Jesus.

SCRIPTURE:

1 Corinthians 11:17 - 34

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. What is your favourite celebration to gather with other people (birthday, thanksgiving, Christmas)? What makes this so significant for you?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. Respond to the statement "in a world filled with division, the church offers community in Jesus." Is this true? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever been excluded from a celebration? How did that impact your relationship with those that excluded you?
5. The church in Corinth was creating division & exclusion between the wealthy & the poor. What are some ways that we create division & exclusion in church?
6. Comment on the statement, "church is not about what I can get out of it but what God is wanting to do in other people?"
7. The Lord's Supper or communion was Jesus' way of creating a new community of people, a community more interested in the needs of others than their own needs. Talk about how good we are at living that out.
8. What is something you can start doing so that you pay attention to the needs of other people?
9. How is the the Holy Spirit inviting you to respond? What step(s) of obedience can you start taking today?