



GOING DEEPER AT HOME

SEPTEMBER 19: A BIGGER TABLE

There is an old proverb that says, "Birds of a feather flock together." The proverb refers to the fact that people who are alike politically, theologically, economically, racially, etc are drawn to each other because of their similarities. And it's true, we are drawn to people who are like us. But the image of the Kingdom of God, the image of the church as a table invites us to sit with people who are different than us, which while this is not always easy, the church is better when we aren't all the same.

SCRIPTURE:

Acts 10:1 - 48

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. If you could invite any 2 people to a meal, who would they be and 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 "The church is better when we aren't all the same." Is this true? Why or why not?
4. Peter is invited to change his mind about food and then people. What is something that you have changed your mind about after having been very entrenched in your thinking? What led to you changing your mind?
5. Who is someone or what people group would you have trouble sitting down with because you are so different? What caused the difference?
6. When Peter gets to Cornelius' house and tells them about Jesus, the Holy Spirit is poured out on the people. Why is this significant and how does it impact the way we are to understand what it means for us to be the church?
7. Why do you think we so quickly tend to be drawn to a smaller table with people that are like us rather than a big table with people who are different?
8. Who is someone that is different than you, politically, theologically, racially, etc, that you could sit down with and talk about who they are? What can you do this week to move toward making your table bigger rather than smaller?
9. How is the the Holy Spirit inviting you to respond? What step(s) of obedience can you start taking today?