



Digging Deeper

Putting your faith in ACTION!

This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:

1. Are the times where you find relationships in the local church difficult? How does today's message challenge you in this area?
2. Are there any attitudes or behaviors that you wrestle with that could cause disunity in the church? Take a moment to pray over these.
3. In what ways do you think the Lord may be inviting you to become uncomfortable so that others in the church might be comfortable?
4. Do you know anyone who has pulled away from church altogether? How can you reach out and encourage them this week? Perhaps invite them back into fellowship.

FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:

1. Read together 1 Peter 2:5-7 & Ephesians 2:19-22. Use the illustration of 'living stones' to illustrate to your children on how God has called us (in all our diversity) to become ONE Church.
2. Talk about the important of loving others that are different from ourselves. Challenge your children to reach out to another child who they might as very different from themselves.
3. Take some time to pray together as a family.



Today's Service

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Series: Uncomfortable

Part 3: Uncomfortable People

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1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NLT) ¹²The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.

¹⁴Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part.

1. _____ is welcome and has an important _____ to play in the Body of Christ.

There is no _____.

1 Peter 2:5-7 (NLT) ⁵And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God. ⁶As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honor, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." ⁷Yes, you who trust him recognize the honor God has given him. But for those who reject him, "The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone."

Ephesians 2:19-22 (NLT) ¹⁹So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. ²⁰Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. ²¹We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²²Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

2. Being part of the Church can be really _____.

New Testament Family Values:

1. We _____ our stuff with one another.
2. We share our _____ with one another.
3. We _____, embrace the pain, and grow up with one another.
4. Family is _____ than "me, the wife, and the kids."

Acts 2:44-46 (NLT) ⁴⁴And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— ⁴⁷all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Galatians 6:2 (NLT) ²Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

Colossians 3:12 (NLT) ¹²Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Ephesians 4:2 (NLT) ²Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

Psalms 68:6 (NLT) ⁶God places the lonely in families;

3. Although we are different, we are _____ in the most important way – by the _____.

NOTES:

UNCOMFORTABLE