September 25th, 2022

Core Values

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 NIV

- 1. What's one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
- 2. A look closer at "We meet people where they are" and "We create intentional spaces to encounter God": Share of a time where people met you where you were before faith or early in your faith. Then share of a time where you encountered God because of a person in your life, either how they loved you or invited you into a relationship with Jesus.

- 3. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21: This letter from Paul to the church in Corinth has given us a huge task to take on in our daily lives. Read this passage as a group and then in the examples below, how can we be "...Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."
 - *a.* Encountering people who have been hurt and even spiritual abused by the church. (Clarification of Big "C" and Little "C" church might be wise here).
 - *b.* Living in a culture where the need to gather in community for church is no longer a priority.
 - c. In relationship with a friend or loved one who is not a follower of Jesus Christ.

Digging Deeper:

4. Share with each other of the differences of a life transformed by Christ and a life who knows Christ. How does your life compare to these two examples and how do we know or experience the differences in our daily lives? Why is this so crucial for our faith journey and church?

5. Being transformed by Christ, that allows others to know the love of Jesus is one, that all followers need to hope for and pray for. How as a group can we help each other be better practiced in allowing Jesus to transform our hearts and how we show his love and mercy to this world? Is there anything you are going through right now that your home group could be praying for and helping with, if they only knew about it?