

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

This is Us - Part 2

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Introduction

God's vehicle for mission has always been through extended family. We find ourselves at a time in history where we observe the world gripped by a pandemic that is continually changing the parameters of how we do our normal daily life. Yet we see that God has gone before us, and has prepared the way for us to again lean into inter-dependence upon our broader intentional extended family to truly do life, and to share God's love with our wider community. While others around us may be seeking to suppress their fear through the need to gather and hoard household supplies, we have an opportunity to be counter cultural to our community and show God's love, to be generous and support others in a time of uncertainty.

Bible Passage

Luke 3:21-22; 4:14-21

Discussion

1. Read Luke 3:21-22. Jesus modelled living in inter-dependent upon each other through the trinity. How can we make this into a lifestyle? What could be the challenges?
2. When we look at the life of Jesus we see he was also intentional in building relationships with his disciples and extended family. How did he do it? How can we implement His ways of building relationships into our world today?
3. At a time of challenge where are you seeing the beauty of community shine at present? Share your stories.
4. Read Luke 4:14- 21. How did Jesus seek to address the brokenness in the world? What part do we have in this?

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5. Read Ecclesiastes 4:12. When we face battles in life how can this verse give context to the power of community? What can we do as a Life Group to embody the essence of this verse?

Respond

Throughout history God has used times of uncertainty as a platform for his disciples to show God's love and beauty to a broken world. In these times where we are needing to reduce large gatherings, we have a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the isolated and vulnerable around us. We as a community can also provide for people in tough places by contributing to the LifeCare pantry that is dangerously low on supplies at present. As a group commit to providing some supplies for this wonderful ministry for our marginalised in our community. Who is one person that you can invite into community or connect with this week? Commit to connecting with them.