



GOING DEEPER

CONNECTING HORIZONTALLY

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TEXT: *Colossians 3.12-17*

How might we live a ground and stable life in our world today?

A rooted life has the person of Jesus at the center.

The way we relate to the Church on our journey may change, but as the physical presence of the risen Jesus in the world, the importance of the Church on our journey never changes.

When we have Jesus on the inside, we become Jesus on the outside.

Points to Ponder

- Consider your own experience of the faith journey. What stage of the journey might you now find yourself? What invitations, if any, does this bring to bear to you?
- In what ways, if any, do you seek to relate with the presence of Jesus as the Church?
- What might it look like for you to practice a life around three tables?

TAKING A NEXT STEP

While the way we relate to Jesus on the faith journey may change, our need to experience the risen person of Jesus never diminishes. Because, in this world, people who have Jesus inside them become Jesus on the outside, a healthy spiritual journey emphasizes connecting with Jesus followers on a regular and consistent basis. As a starting point, we recommend connecting around three important tables:

- Lord's Table: A table where all are offered the forgiveness, peace, and presence of Christ.
- Fellowship Table: A table where we begin to open our lives to experience the forgiveness, peace, and presence of Christ.
- Kitchen Table: A table where we open the deepest parts of our lives to a few who bring the presence of Jesus to bear on our hidden and secret parts.

At Union Center, we celebrate the Lord's Table at least once a month, and all who wish to follow Christ and experience him are welcome at this table. Second, we practice the Fellowship Table through experiences called Family Chats, through Sunday morning gatherings, Campfires, team meetings with meals, and more. We encourage you to join us and open your life to Jesus through these experiences. Finally, we invite you to open your life on a regular basis to a handful of people around the kitchen table. Gather once a week or more with people to whom you can open your life in an ever-increasing manner so you might experience Jesus in the deepest parts of your person.