



GOING DEEPER

CONNECTING VERTICALLY

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TEXT: *Colossians 2.6-7*

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

Our _____ depends on what is within us, not on what is _____ us.

What should be at our center?

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

POINTS TO PONDER

- What would you say most people have at their center? Why might this be the case?
- What do you have at your center? (What helps you navigate life?)
- Would you say you have understood faith to consist of having propositions about Jesus or the person of Jesus at the center? How did you come to this understanding?
- What might it look like to begin moving to a life where Jesus is the center?

TAKING A NEXT STEP

While many of us have moved through life substituting propositions for the person of Jesus, we do not have to continue down this path. By God's grace, we can begin to take steps to orient our lives around the physical person of Jesus. The first of the many steps of this journey which is called "faith" is that of belonging, orienting one's daily life around the person of Jesus. We do this by taking steps toward the physical presence of the risen Jesus on Earth today, the Church. Below you will find a number of suggested ways to do this. You can do one or more of them. You will find more information regarding each at the Info Center or on www.unioncenter.org. What is important is that in taking them we are seeking to encounter Jesus rather than simply joining an organization. We want to seek to see, touch, and hear Jesus in those we encounter. Sometimes this requires us to pause and ask ourselves where Jesus is showing up in the experiences we are having with his Church. God's Holy Spirit will reveal to us where we have heard, seen or encountered Jesus. In response we pay attention to the meaning these experiences might have for who and where we are.

- Life Gatherings: regional, relational gatherings to connect and share life
- Divorce Care: people with whom to share the struggle of divorce
- The Way: people with whom to share to struggles of pain, addictions, and woundings
- Men's Group: a weekly gathering of men to connect, encourage, and share life
- Elevate: a weekly gathering of youth (12-18 yrs) to celebrate, connect, worship, and study Scripture
- Good and Beautiful Community: a weekly discussion group built around God's intention for community