

CONVERSATION STARTERS

SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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EAT TOGETHER | *Showing up regularly to share life and build relationships*

1. **Catch Up:** How was your week? Was there a moment this week when you sensed God's presence?
2. **Update:** If your group's interested, feel free to watch our [Southridge third-quarter financial update](#) from Kathy Van Driel and Jeff Martens.
3. **Ice-Breaker:** What myth/story/idea were you told as a very young child and then found out later wasn't true? How did you react when you found out?

PRAY TOGETHER | *Joining in on conversations of life and faith*

1. What stood out to you in [this week's service](#)? Was there a song that spoke to you? Was there a moment when you sensed God's presence? Did you meet someone new? Did you learn something from the message? Feel free to watch the [message recap](#) to review the big ideas of the message.
2. Had anyone heard of the "Doctrine of Discovery" or "Terra Nullius" (meaning "nobody's land") before this week's message? What feelings surfaced as you learned about these beliefs / practices?
3. Read and reflect on the parable of "The Good Samaritan" in [Luke 10:25-37](#). In this passage, Jesus responds to the question posed by the religious expert: "Who is my neighbour?"
 - a. Why do you think the religious expert wanted to ask this question?
 - b. What do you find interesting or compelling about Jesus' response?
 - c. In what ways have Indigenous people been ignored as "neighbours" in the way the religious leaders in the story ignored the person lying on the side of the road?
4. How do you think the "religious rule" of the Doctrine of Discovery has contributed to stereotypes of or discrimination toward Indigenous people today?

LOVE TOGETHER | *Being real to care and make a difference*

1. How have our attitudes toward other people groups been shaped by our upbringings, belief systems, or societal stereotypes?
2. How might Jesus be wanting to change the way you tend to think and feel about the Indigenous community and neighbours in our country?
3. Is there a next step of involvement with our *Becoming Good Relatives* initiatives that you sense Jesus might be inviting you to take?