

CONVERSATION STARTERS

SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

1. Hope that you can join us for the [Ash Wednesday One Church Gathering](#) this week.
2. If you observe the concept of giving up something for Lent, what do you typically give up?

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 the presence of God? 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. Have you in the past or do you currently observe the season of lent?
 - a. What does that look like for you?
 - b. How has your observation of Lent impacted your relationship with Jesus?
3. In the message we learned about the book entitled "The Wood Between the Worlds". Why do you think the author chose that title? What does the wood represent to you?
4. What about the cross of Christ seemed so offensive and foolish to the Jews and Gentiles of the century who weren't followers of Jesus?
5. Take time to read Colossians 1:19-20.
In this passage we read about how God has reconciled EVERYTHING to himself and made peace with EVERYTHING in heaven and on earth, all by means of the cross. What do you think Paul meant by "EVERYTHING"?

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

1. Did you grow up feeling familiar with the cross? What's your earliest memory of the cross and what did it mean to you?
2. If Jesus on the cross is the clearest revelation of who God is, what curiosities or questions about God does that raise for you? What are you interested in learning more about in this series?
3. How can we lean into and practice the season of Lent together to help turn our attention more fully to the cross of Christ?