

CONVERSATION STARTERS

SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

1. It's fun to experience food from other cultural groups. What food have you tried and what are your favourites? Any recommendations for a restaurant that features this food?

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. The author, Luke, describes in Acts Chapters 13 and 14, a very diverse group of people. To what degree does your life/church experience reflect the kind of diversity that Luke describes in the Antioch church?
3. In Chapter 13 God "calls" Saul and Barnabas to be missionaries. How do you understand the word "calling"? As you reflect on your life experiences and "gifts", how could your gifts and life experiences be used by God?
4. A central tension in the first-century church was concern over the inclusion of Gentile believers who didn't first convert to Judaism. While this issue isn't really felt the same way by us today, what kind of things do you see contributing to people's sense of being viewed as insiders/outsideers?
5. To what degree have you seen/felt/experienced exclusion in the church or by other Christians?
In your experience of "evangelism", how have you seen fear and intimidation and/or pride create more of a barrier/bottleneck to sharing the message and mission of Jesus? What could it look like to share Christ in your circles in ways that avoid these "twin threats"?

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

1. To what degree does my life reflect God's heart for inclusivity (e.g., racial, ethnic, socio-economic, gender-expression and sexual orientation, etc.)?
2. Is it possible that you have contributed to this feeling of exclusion in others?
3. In your life, how can you be a "faith-door opener" for your friends, family members, neighbours, coworkers, and classmates?
4. If a life of faith is new for you, what is stopping you from walking through the door? Could this be a step for you, and if so - *why not right now?*

