

# CONVERSATION STARTERS

## SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

February 15, 2026

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

1. Take a moment and think about phrases you heard as a child. What were some common sayings adults used that stuck with you? Share one with your group.

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

1. We encourage you to watch as a group, the message [recap](#) to review the big ideas of the message. This will refresh our memories and result in richer conversations.
2. What was your initial reaction to Jesus' statement "Let the little children come to me"? How does understanding the cultural context of how children were viewed in ancient times change or deepen your understanding of this teaching?
3. The message emphasized that Jesus is found among those on the margins - the poor, prisoners, oppressed. Where do you see "margins" in our community today? How does this challenge or affirm where you typically look for Jesus?
4. The concept of "friendship makes the difference" is key to missional living. How is this different from charity or service? Share an example of when you've experienced mutual friendship (rather than one-way ) and how it impacted you.
5. The disciples moved from asking "Who is this?" to declaring "God's Messiah" after they were invited into ministry WITH Jesus. How has your understanding of Jesus deepened when you've actively participated in ministry rather than just observed?
6. The message introduced the EDUCATE, EXPOSE, EQUIP framework for involving children in missional living. Which of the three areas do you feel most comfortable with? Which feels most challenging or uncomfortable for you and why?
7. How does the idea of raising children "experientially" in faith - through shared meals, friendships across differences, and active participation - differ from how you were raised in faith (if applicable)? What excites you about this approach?
8. Share with your group one big idea that you learned or impacted you from this message, which you can hold onto this week? How might you put that into practice this week?

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

#### For personal contemplation this week:

1. The message acknowledged that being in missional spaces can feel scary or uncomfortable. What specific fears or discomforts arise when you think about engaging with people on the margins? Bring these honestly to God in prayer this week.
2. Reflect on how experiential discipleship can deepen faith for you and/ or the children in your life?
3. What might God be inviting you to learn from the children in your life about following Jesus?