



What brings you here:

- Our focus can limit our experience.
- We are drawn to people with shared desires.

19 Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God’s very own family, citizens of God’s country, and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian. Ephesians 2:19 (TLB)

3 ... for it is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God’s own family...1 Peter 1:3 (TLB)

26 For now we are all children of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Galatians 3:26 (TLB)

Remember:

- We love people who are not in the family.
- The love within the family is a deeper experience.

Here is GREAT NEWS:

- God can still reach us when our pursuits are misguided.

What makes church an awesome experience:

- A shared focus on Jesus.
- A shared family bond.
- Bringing others into the family.

20 “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.” Acts 5:20 (NIV)

- New beginnings don’t happen in our comfort zone.

16 But I’ll take the hand of those who don’t know the way, who can’t see where they’re going. I’ll be a personal guide to them, directing them through unknown country. I’ll be right there to show them what roads to take, make sure they don’t fall into the ditch. These are the things I’ll be doing for them— sticking with them, not leaving them for a minute." Isaiah 42:16 (MSG)

Getting out of your Comfort Zone:

- Identify what’s standing between you and spectacular.

1 So if you’re serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides.
 2 Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is. See things from his perspective. Colossians 3:1-2 (MSG)

- When God speaks, don’t allow excuses.

16 Jesus replied with this story: “A man prepared a great feast and sent out many invitations.

17 When the banquet was ready, he sent his servant to tell the guests, ‘Come, the banquet is ready.’

18 But they all began making excuses...Luke 14:16-18 (NLT)

- Be careful of distractions.

23 You don’t walk away from a gift like that! You stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust, constantly tuned in to the Message, careful not to be distracted or diverted. There is no other Message—just this one...Colossians 1:23 (MSG)

- Expect Something new.

19 Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it? There it is! I’m making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands. Isaiah 43:19 (MSG)

Have Questions? Text them to: (559)464-5754

Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

Connection Group Leaders: During this series change up how you run your Connection Group to add games, projects, crafts, smores around a campfire, etc.

- What spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain.
- When you were younger, did you ever go to Camp? What is one of your favorite memories? Any bad memories?
- What makes camp such a great experience?
- People go to camp for different reasons, what are some of them? What are some of the reasons people go to church? Why is it important to have a shared focus, or purpose, in being at church?
- How would you define a comfort zone?
- Do you believe it’s important that you get out of your comfort zone to experience something new and significant? Why?
- Discuss the sub-points under “Getting out of your comfort zone”.
- What is God asking of us that will make our church a camp experience?

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