1. Take a moment to check in with each other. Ask if Is anyone carrying a significant burden today. Take a moment right away to pray for anyone who shares.

2. Read Galatians 2:10-21. What is easily understood in this passage? Is there anything in here that you are confused about? How might others help you understand.

3. In this passage we learn that the most famous Apostle from Jerusalem, Peter stopped eating with the Gentile Christians in Antioch when a group of Christian leaders arrived from Jerusalem. The text doesn't tell us why he acted this way? Why do you think Peter drew back from fellowship with these Gentile believers when the Christians from Jerusalem arrived?

4. Pastor Keith picked up the metaphor of the family table to describe our salvation in Christ. How does the idea of being welcomed at God's table relate to this passage of Scripture?

5. Why do you think that Peter pulling back from table fellowship with the Gentile Christians was such a big deal? Why was this a violation of the true gospel?

6. Discuss this statement from the sermon. Do you agree or disagree? *"We are always in danger believing that we can be God's People independent of a local Christian community. That we can be the body of Christ, without the rest of the Body! … The table of salvation is round, which means we are not alone, and we shouldn't try to be! And if you are, if that's how you spent the better part of your Christian life, you are missing out on something God intended for your salvation and for the world he came to save."*

7. Have a few people in the group describe a time they have had conflict with another Christian in the church? Discuss together as a group what you think the Holy Spirit's guidance or wisdom would be in this situation from the past.

8. Where have you served or are currently serving in the church? How has this helped your own journey of faith? How has it helped others? Where do you feel Jesus is inviting you to lean in and serve these days?

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