

Part 3 – This is us

Key Scriptures:

"You search the **Scriptures** because you think that in them you have <u>eternal life</u>; and it is they that bear witness about **me**,

⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may <u>have life</u>."

John 5:39-40 ESV

"but God **shows his love** for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ <u>died for us</u>."

Romans 5:8 ESV

"<u>Whatever you do</u>, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

Col 3:23 ESV

"with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,"

Eph 4:2 ESV

TALK IT OVER

The goal of group discussion is to grow in relationship and apply the truths we learned about on Sunday. Feel free to use the following questions as a guide or lead the discussion in a way that works best for your particular group.

- What were some of the core values of the home you grew up in? How did they shape you?
- Values are often unspoken, but always felt! What were your first few interactions with the Pathway community like?
- Staying focused on the Gospel has helped us become a diverse congregation with people from many different backgrounds. It also creates tension when we have differing beliefs. How can we continue to keep Christ at the centre of our church community?
- Loving with "no strings attached" is easier said than done. What are some practical ways that we can grow in this value as individuals and as a church?
- The value of excellence can be best lived out by "bringing our best" to God. The problem with excellence is that is can easily lead us into legalism and works (performance based). How can we pursue this value of excellence without running off the rails?
- Authenticity "lowering the mask". What can this group do to foster the value of authenticity in the coming months?
- Pray together.