



WELCOME

1 Peter 3:18 » December 10, 2017

Pastor Matthew St. John

Discussion Questions

1. Share about your favorite holiday get-together. What relational things made it so special? Conversely, tell of a time that was the most uncomfortable. Why was this so? How did these experiences shape subsequent holidays?
2. Pastor Matthew has reminded us recently that (according to Romans 5:10) we are enemies of God but, through Christ, God has reached out to us. How does it feel to hear yourself called the enemy of God? Do you think this is a fair statement? Read Proverbs 25:21 and John 6:22–59. In what way does God connect with us enemies?
3. If the previous questions are about moving toward Jesus, this question is about the need for us to take others with us. Who do you have discomfort with? Those who are very different from you or are even considered enemies? Talk through these situations.
4. Taking cues from Romans 15:7, we are called to welcome those with whom we are uncomfortable or at odds with. How can we pursue a relationship with them?
5. With your family or friends, read and pray through Psalm 23:5. Which uncomfortable people or even enemies might God prepare a table for you? What might that look like?

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