

More than a Building! (Part 3)- Going Deeper Questions

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Question #1: Do you truly believe that you have a place to belong in God's family and in His Church? What makes you feel this way? What would it look like for you to fully embrace the truth: "This is my family, and I have a place here"?

Question #2: The sermon said, "The church is a home, not a hideout." Are you using the church primarily as a place of renewal, or have you allowed it to become a place of retreat from the world? What is one area of your everyday life where God may be asking you to GO? What would change if you began viewing your workplace, neighborhood, school, or family as your mission field?

Question #3: Who is God putting on your heart right now that needs hope, community, or an invitation? Why have you hesitated to reach out to that person? Are you afraid of rejection, awkwardness, or what they might think? How does it change your perspective to remember that you are responsible for your obedience, not their response? What is one simple step you can take this week to extend an invitation or show them the love of Jesus?

Question #4: Acts 2 describes a church that shared life together; worshiping, eating, praying, encouraging, and serving one another. How deeply are you actually connected to the family of God? Do you know people at church beyond simply seeing them on Sunday? What keeps you from becoming more vulnerable and connected? Is there a next step God is asking you to take through an E-Group, Bible study, serve team, men's or women's ministry, Kids, youth, or another area of Encounter Church?

Question #5: The sermon said, "We must have open doors, but love too much to leave people in their struggle." How can we balance grace and truth in the way we reach people? What does it look like to welcome someone without compromising God's Word? How can we make people feel welcome while still pointing them toward transformation through Jesus? Is there someone you have written off because of their lifestyle, choices, or past? What would it look like to begin seeing that person the way Jesus sees them?

Challenge:

1. Identify and pray for one person God is putting on your heart who needs Jesus, community, hope, or a place to belong.
2. Take one step deeper into the family.
3. This week, intentionally look for one person who may feel unseen, disconnected, or alone. Learn their name. Sit with them. Invite them to lunch. Introduce them to someone. Invite them to church. Pray with them.