



Jeff Brodie // Welcome Home // April 21st, 2024

It's easy for us to dismiss or forget that God is working all around us. Not only do we miss what he's doing, but we also miss out on being a part of it. What if the key to a faith that's meaningful and engaging is looking to see who God is calling us to reach out to, and looking to see where he's already at work? What would happen if you made more room in your life to see the people around you who don't know Jesus the way God sees them? What if people saw you as a person of hope? What if they saw you as "home"? And what if they saw our church that way?

Scripture: [Luke 15:11-32 NLT](#)

Bottom Line: Home isn't a place, it's a person.

Discussion:

1. How did things go last week as you prayed that God would make more room in your heart for people who don't know him? Did he bring people to mind? What has God spoken to you through the daily devotionals or the Night of Worship?
2. On Sunday, Jeff talked about how people—more than places—are "home" to us. Share someone in your life who is "home" to you.
3. Read [Luke 15:11-24](#). Here we see how the younger son finds himself at the end of himself, in this case because of decisions he's made. When have you ever felt that way in your life, and who saw you? What did someone do for you that was helpful?
4. We also have a picture of God looking for those who are lost, ready to forgive sin and share compassion. Intellectually, we know God is looking to connect with those who don't know him yet. What keeps us from living the same way? What could change?
5. Read [Luke 15:25-32](#). What do you think keeps the older brother from looking for his younger brother or even celebrating his return?
6. When do you find it hardest to look out for other people? Why do you suppose this is?
7. Part of joining God in the looking is intentionally looking for people who need someone to be FOR them. Where do you think you could have your spiritual eyes more open?
8. One way to be in the corner of people is to be "home" to them. What do you think it looks like to be "home" to people? Where have you seen this in action?

9. We're talking about what it means to make more room as a church as we search for and celebrate people finding Jesus. Did you find the steps Jeff shared helpful? Do you have any questions about what we're striving to accomplish in the coming months?
10. As we join together financially to see this vision move forward, what thoughts, emotions, and questions has it raised for you around generosity?

Moving Forward:

This week, take some time as a group to thank God for searching for us, and pray that he would open your eyes to see the people in your life who need someone to be home to them. Keep praying this all week long. Come back to group next time ready to share what happened.

Be sure to read through your magazine and check out connexuschurch.com/forthem for all the details about the FOR Them initiative. You can also find your pledge form here.

And don't forget the Night of Prayer on Sunday, April 28th at 6:00pm in Barrie (20 Mills Rd.) and Orillia (62 Peter St. N.), as well as at 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00pm online. Join us in-person to pray with a group of others, or pray at home or gather with your group and tune in on YouTube.