Centered Set Church

07 Bounded, Fuzzy, Centered

INTRODUCTION

What does a Jesus Model church look like? How do we create a church that lives according to the question, "What does love require of us?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you participated in a team sport? List ways in which it is bounded. How did the bounded set sport improve your experience? How did it hinder your experience?
- 2. What exclusion have you experienced or observed for not being or behaving a certain way? What are things that others might experience as works-of-the-law identity markers in your church? What are some hoops people may need to jump through to feel a sense of belonging at Westlight?
- 3. Read Galatians 2:11-16. If you had been in Paul's situation, would you have more likely responded to Peter in a bounded, fuzzy, or centered way? What have you learned from observing Paul's centered response?
- 4. Have you ever had to jump through hoops to feel that you belonged to a community? Share your experience.
- 5. In the sermon, Kats said, "If you're interested in Jesus, you belong." Would it make it harder or easier to invite your friends to church? What are some obstacles you may see in our future?
- 6. One of the distinctions of the Centered Set Church is that no one has arrived; everyone is in progress. Does this change the way we discuss our faith with others? Explain your answer.

MOVING FORWARD

The Centered Set Church is not based on drawing lines but on observing the direction of our hearts. With Jesus as our centerpiece, as we journey towards Him, we will come in contact with people who have a diverse background than our own.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.

Galatians 2:15-16a