

Family Ties: Our Family Common Ground
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; 1 Corinthians 15
May 30, 2020

Warm-up Questions:

1. How did you first come to hear about the good news of Jesus? Was it through your family, a friend, during a particular season in your life? What caused you to be open to the message? What differences has it made in your life since then?
2. How would you describe the essence of the gospel to someone who is not acquainted with the Christian faith? If you had to keep your answer concise and clear, what would you share with them?
3. What subjects or topics are difficult to be in agreement or consensus with members of your family? How do you deal with these matters? How does this affect your relationship with them?

Reflection Questions:

1. Take time to read the two passages in I Corinthians. Paul begins and ends his letter with an earnest appeal to the power of the good news. How can this bring about oneness and unity even in the light of differences?
2. Pastor Jason reminded us of the centrality of the cross of Jesus. How does this and Jesus' resurrection shape and inform our beliefs and actions within the church community?

Application Questions:

1. Think of some of your important beliefs (who God is, what Jesus did, God's purpose for all creation, God's communication to us through the Bible, our future destiny, etc.). How does your perspective bring you closer to people? What distances you from others?
2. What are some things you are willing to let go of - for the sake of love and unity? Why might this be hard for you to do? How can you contribute to the health and well-being of our church?