

Points to Ponder
We Believe. Exploring Our Statement of Faith
Statements 7 & 8 – The Church and the Bible
October 3-4, 2020

With a friend, your family or in your small group, discuss the following questions...

1. When in your life have you felt like you were on the outside looking in and searching for a sense of belonging? What do you perceive are the biggest barriers to others accepting you? What do you feel are the biggest barriers for you accepting others?
2. We believe that the church is not the building, but rather the people. What have you found most challenging about the past six months of COVID-19 and not being able to gather in a large group? What do you feel God is wanting to teach you through this?
3. Being the church means finding belonging AND purpose. Of the four purposes listed in our statement of faith, which one is easiest for you to live out? Which one is the most challenging? Why?
4. Describe a time when God has used the words of the Bible to grow your faith. Do you have a favourite passage or story from the Bible? If so, share it with your group and explain why it means so much to you.
5. What struggles do you have in understanding and interpreting the Bible? In what ways (Bible study, being mentored etc.) have you tried to deepen your knowledge of God? What tools or resources have helped you in Bible study?
6. What lessons in life and faith is God teaching you through this message that you can apply to your life this week?

Prayer and Action Item

Take a few moments to think of specific people you know and care about from North Park Community Church (our local church) and pray for them. Next, consider sending them a text, email or card to express your appreciation for them.