



Week 1: Being Human

## WEEK 2: *Being in Community*

Week 3: Being in Family

Week 4: Being in Yourself

Week 5: Being in Step with the Spirit (specific ethical issues)

### INTRODUCTION – And the Word Became Screen

Our connections with others are increasingly mediated through our screens.

*Two hours more per day than was reported five years previous!*

### DINE IN – Love Wrapped in a Body

- God always wanted direct contact with us...

**Genesis 3:8; Exodus 20:18-21; Deuteronomy 5:4-5; 1 Timothy 2:5 (NLT)**

- Unmediated intimacy was God's goal for us...

**1 Corinthians 13:12; 1 John 3:2; Revelation 22:3-4**

- God came in flesh...

**John 1:1, 14, 18**

- Unmediated contact is always best...

**1 Thessalonians 2:17; Hebrews 10:24-25; 13:18-19, 23**

- Enfleshing God's Word is still God's way...

**Ephesians 4:11-16**

**Matthew 5:16**

### TAKE OUT – I'll Have That to Go Please

#### FIVE WAYS WE USE TECHNOLOGY AT THE MEETING HOUSE...

- 1) Sundays (light, heating/cooling, amplification, projection, print)
- 2) Web site (*themeetinghouse.ca*)
- 3) Facebook (The Meeting House Page; Bruxy's page; Regional Sites; Distance Groups)
- 4) Twitter (@TheMeetingHouse // @Bruxy)
- 5) Podcasts (Sunday teaching; The Roundtable)

#### FIVE WAYS WE EXPRESS ENFLESHED COMMUNITY AT THE MEETING HOUSE...

- 1) Distance Groups
- 2) Sunday services
- 3) Home Church
- 4) Summer Splash
- 5) One Roof

#### FIVE WAYS WE CAN WRAP TRUTH IN LOVE IN EVERYDAY LIFE...

- 1) Drop by someone's house.
- 2) Make someone a meal, card, or gift.
- 3) Volunteer anywhere.
- 4) Choose the most immediate medium available to you (eg., in-person, phone, or letter over email, Facebook, or text) to thank, bless, encourage, rebuke, challenge, celebrate, or forgive someone.
- 5) Give full attention to the person you're with.

### CONCLUSION – A Blessing of Unmediated Communion

**Numbers 6:22-26**

#### NEXT WEEK... *Being in FAMILY*

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#### HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS

##### Warming Up...

1. What movies/books can you name that follow the theme of technology taking over? Why do you think this is such a prevalent theme in our literature and entertainment?
2. What technology is most in danger of taking over your life? How would your friends, spouse, parents, children, and/or co-workers answer that question?

##### Look to the Book...

3. Read **Ephesians 4:11-16**. A) What verse or idea stands out to you the most? Why? B) Can you think of contemporary examples of each of the five gifts mentioned in verse 11? C) Church leaders are given by Jesus, not to DO all the work themselves (as paid performers), but to EQUIP THE SAINTS to do God's work. Can you think of examples when the Body of Christ has gotten this wrong/right? Describe, if you can, a time in your life where a leader helped you experience this kind of equipping. D) Unity and maturity seem to be key goals for Christ's body. What are some ways you use your technology to contribute to either? Diminish either?
4. If unity and maturity are the goals, "truthing in love" is the way God gives us to reach those goals. A) Discuss the TRUTH and LOVE value of each way of relating to someone: face-to-face (unmediated), phone, letter, email, Facebook, text/bbm, Twitter. B) What way do you tend to relate to people most often during your day?

##### So What?...

5. On a scale of 1-10, how do you think you're doing at enfleshing God's truth in love? Review the "Take Outs". What immediate step could you take to embody truth in love through your life this week? Have someone write down your goals and be prepared to talk about them next week.

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