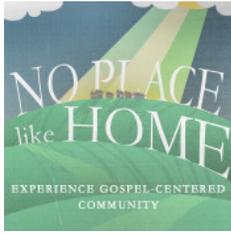


**No Place Like Home**  
**November 24, 2013**

**Don't Cut the Corners**  
**Leviticus 23:15-22**



Inside every one of us is the longing for home - not for a specific street address, but for meaningful relationships in which we can be fully known and loved. Unfortunately, in our fallen world this kind of life-giving community is rare. This is where the church comes in. In God's master plan he made a way for his people, filled with his Spirit to form a new community that transforms the world. This is what we were created for! I hope you will join us in this 9-week series as we learn to show the world there's no place like home.

**Discussion Questions:** (Leaders please review each question and pick those that will be most beneficial for your group.)

1. Read Leviticus 23:15-22. In this passage God instructed his people to celebrate the feast of Shavuot 50 days after Passover which fell at the end of the barley harvest and at the start of the wheat harvest. What did he tell them to do? Why did he connect v.22 to this feast?
2. Aside from the beautiful generosity of Boaz toward Ruth (Ruth 2:1-13), what specific charges (and corresponding consequences) did God bring against his people according to Isaiah 3:14-15 & 16-26, Ezekiel 16:49-51 & 58 and Amos 8:4-6 & 11-12?
3. Although God would have been justified to totally destroy his people for their sin, he did not. Instead he sent his Holy Spirit to transform us into thankful people who demonstrate this through radical generosity to those in need. According to Acts 2:1, on what Jewish feast did God pour out his Holy Spirit? In Acts 2:44-45, how did God's people, filled with his presence and power, respond to others in need? If we claim to have the Holy Spirit living in us, how should we respond to the needs of others both inside and outside of Pathway? Is there a specific need the LORD wants you to meet today?
4. In our own strength this is impossible. But the good news is that through faith in Jesus Christ, God transforms us into grateful people who demonstrate radical generosity. Looking at 2 Corinthians 8:9 what did Jesus Christ do to transform us into radically generous people? How are we made rich in Jesus Christ? If you know Jesus Christ personally, what changes do you need to make to be a grateful person who is generous with everything God has given you?