



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 Joshua 16:5-10. What was unique about Israel's location in the ancient world that made Gezer particularly significant?
2. In the ancient world what purposes/activities were associated with city gates? What is the equivalent of city gates in our world and what are the influential activities that take place there?
3. Why did Israel fail to influence their culture and world as God intended? What artifact can be found today outside the city gate at Gezer that is a reminder of their failure?
4. What kind of standing stone are you? Do the monuments in your life point more to your own accomplishments or God's greatness?
5. At another time and place less than 15 miles away from Gezer stood a living standing stone that made it possible for us to do what the Israelites failed to do. According to Hebrews 12:13 who was this and what did he do?
6. As we come to Jesus Christ by faith he transforms us into living standing stones (1 Peter 2:4-5) that declare with our life and our lips that he is God (1 Peter 2:12). At what crossroad has God placed you individually and us as a church body? What would it look like for you/us to take a stand for Jesus Christ in that place?
7. Pray and ask the LORD to give us boldness to take a stand for him so the world may know that he is God.