

### **"DNA: People"**

*This set of questions is based on Patrick's sermon preached September 12.*

1. Jesus loves people... but people can be irritating! What about people upset Jesus? You can start by reading Mark 3:1–6 (esp. 5) and Mark 9:14–29 (esp. 19), but you may remember other examples as well. How does this differ from what irritates us often about others?
  
2. Read Luke 14:12–14. What values does Jesus show in this passage? What values are the norm in such situations? Apart from selecting whom to invite to our parties, in what other ways do we sometimes reveal self-centered, rather than people-centered, values?
  
3. Jesus built bridges instead of barriers, but isn't there a danger in that? "What fellowship does light have with darkness?...Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?...Therefore, 'Come out from them and be separate,' says the Lord" (2 Corinthians 6:14–18). With which of the following statements do you most agree, and why?
  - a. *It is unfitting—and should be impossible—for a believer to form a close friendship with an unbeliever because they do not share the same values.*
  - b. *Believers should befriend unbelievers primarily for the purpose of evangelizing them, so it would be unwise to invest time in someone who is unwilling to hear the gospel.*
  - c. *Friendships—even with unbelievers—should be cherished because all people are created in God's image and are of great value.*

### **Recurring Questions**

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
  
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?