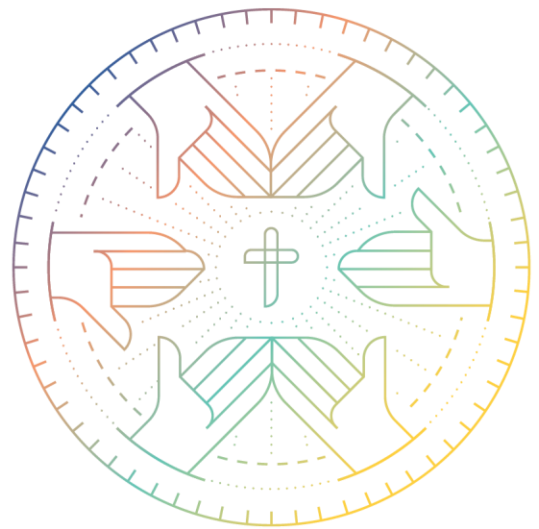


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Where in culture do you see the idea of the individual being the center of their universe celebrated?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:1-4

Paul continues his instruction to the Corinthian church by examining how our self-centered natures lead us towards arrogance and rudeness and how authentic love reorients us to view others in a new light.

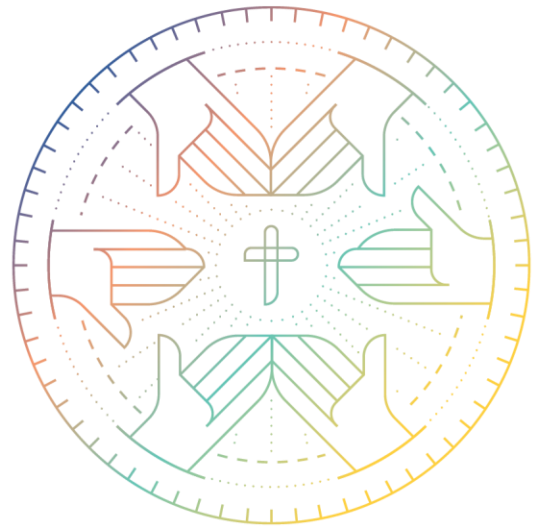
INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Proverbs 16:5 and 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Arrogance is defined as puffing something up or making a thing natural. What sticks out to you about how arrogance is described based on these passages?
2. Read Ephesians 4:15 and 1 Peter 3:15. Rudeness is defined as acting unbecoming or inappropriately. How do you see rudeness show up in the world today? Should this differ from how we interact with other believers based on these passages?
3. Arrogance and rudeness are both rooted in selfishness. Selfishness plays out in our lives in the following ways.
 - Telling us we should get our way (Galatians 5:20)
 - Creating disorder and every evil action (James 3:16)
 - Blaming God (Psalm 78:18)
 - Causing us to turn our backs on God (Matthew 19:21-22)
 - Ruining Friendships (Proverbs 18:1)
 - Hindering Prayer (James 4:3)

Read the attached passages and note what sticks out to you about each one.

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APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Philippians 2:3-4 and 1 Corinthians 10:24. It can be challenging to weed selfishness out of our lives, and the first step is identifying where we see it. Where do you tend to see selfishness show up in your life?
2. The antidote to selfishness is selflessness. There are three ways we see selflessness play out in our lives.
 - Leaning into God's love for you daily (1 John 4:7-21)
 - Not disregarding others (Matthew 19:13-16)
 - Severing any claim of entitlement (Philippians 2:1-11)

Read the corresponding passages. What would it look like practically for you this week to practice selflessness in these ways?

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear heavenly Father,

May we not allow envy and boastfulness to creep into our lives. Help us to get rid of any jealousy or selfish ambition in our hearts but instead, help us to seek the best in others and cultivate a heart of gratitude and contentment. May people know us by our love. In Your holy and excellent name, we pray, amen.