01-12-25 Facilitator "Positioning Ourselves for Faithfulness"

Pray Together:

1. Worship the LORD for His willingness to listen to you. Praise God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit that, in Christ, He hears us - receiving our praise, welcoming our confession, and answering our cries for help.
2. How (or in what circumstances) are you practically prayerless? Confess your pride and unbelief to Jesus, asking Him to save you here aiso.
   Ask the Lord to forgive you and work a growing confidence in Him into your heart
3. Give thanks to Jesus for His work to make it possible for you to be God's adopted child! Thank Him for His willingness, on the cross, to be not heard so that you could - by mercy - be heard
4. Who do you know that is in need, whether a co-worker, neighbor, or friend? Ask the Father to hear you on their behalf, and to work in their life to give them His joy and Presence.
5. Ask for insight into how to pray, and for wisdom in your schedule to gain time to pray. Read Luke 11:1-13 and ask the Spirit to help you trust the access you're given in Christ and to pray as you should

General Discussion Questions:

- What encouraged you from worship this morning? (Think through the WHOLE service)
- What illustrations or points resonated with you in your personal circumstances?
- What do you love more about Father, Son, and Holy Spirit today?

Specific Sermon Discussion Questions:

A. <u>Dependent & Independent</u>
   - What are your most significant habits?
   - How has the LORD designed us to relate to Him?
B. <u>Redeemed Back into Union</u>
   - What has God done to redeem us from our deadly separation, and seal us into an eternal bond with Him?
   - What would change if you actually believed in your heart of hearts that God the Father is more eager to seek us than we are to seek him in every circumstance?
C. <u>Positioned for God's Work</u>
   - How does God graciously provide for our growth?
   - If you avoid a shower, and your life stinks, who's responsible? There's a place where water will show up, but will you place yourself there? If so, how? If not, why?