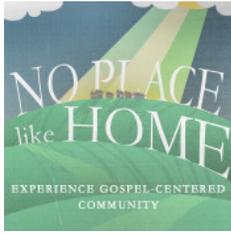


**No Place Like Home**  
**October 6, 2013**

**Wet Feet**  
**Matthew 3:13-17**



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 Matthew 3:13-17. What did water (such as the Red Sea and the Jordan River) symbolize in the time of the Hebrews? What examples of this "chaos" do we see in our world today?
2. In Exodus 14:21 and in Joshua 3:15 we see that the waters parted for God's people only after they stepped out in faith in response to God's word. In what ways has the Christian community today failed to step out in faith on important issues?
3. Can you think of a particular situation where your step of faith in God's word brought about a specific response from God? Was there ever a time in your life when you did not experience God's power because of your lack of faith?
4. What was the meaning of Jesus' baptism? How did his baptism inaugurate the "new order"?
5. If we are trusting in Jesus Christ, we are called to bring this new order (a.k.a. the kingdom of heaven) to the chaos of our world. Consider a current situation in which God wants you to bring Jesus' love to someone you know. What might this look like? (Spend time in prayer with your group asking Jesus to show you what it would look like to bring the kingdom of heaven to that situation.)
6. How specifically is God calling you to "step off the bank and get your feet wet" to bring his love to others? Will you step out in faith and obey him this week? Pray and ask Jesus to help you follow through on this.