

# FINDING OURSELVES IN GOD'S STORY

## The Church alive by the Spirit

1. "Just as the birth of Jesus does not mark the beginning of the Story, neither does His death and resurrection mark the end of the Story." What are the things that cause us to question the truth of this latter statement? Does it ever feel like the Story is over, and we're just looking back on it?
2. Core to Scott's message was the claim that "this is the part of the Story in which we live." We live in the chapter of the Church and Spirit. Is this how we often perceive our life of faith - as in continuity with the early church? Why or why not?
3. Share together where and how we experience the kingdom already - the first-fruits of the kingdom - in our lives. And where and how we experience the not-yet of the kingdom. What enables you to keep faith in the not-yet realities of our lives?
4. Read John 14:15f and talk together about the Spirit's work in our lives and how we've come to or are seeking to make sense of the Spirit's presence and ministry in our lives.
5. Read Acts 1:8f together and talk together about the people in your lives that you long to see come to life in Christ. Talk and pray together for one another and your influence in their lives.
6. What difference does it make for you to know that the work of the gospel today is still God's work, but just ours; that God hasn't left it all up to us, but is at work in and through us?

## Praying Together

Take time to pray together for one another, our church, and the Spirit's witness among us and through us. Bring before God the friends and neighbours that come to mind - for God's work in their lives, and God's work through our lives. Pray about the parts of this that scare us or make us doubt the reality of the gospel today. Invite one another to share any needs or concerns, and pray together for one another.

