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CONNECTION QUESTION

What are your plans for Easter? Will you get together with family?

REVIEW

Do you think being a part of a local church is important? Why or why not? Do you know of some Christians who are not a part of a local church? What are there reasons?

Read 1 Tim. 3:14–16. What does it mean that the church is "God's family"? How does that change the way you interact with other Christians? How does it change the way you resolve your difference? (Read Galatians 6:10 and Ephesians 2:16-19 to learn more.)

How does the image of the local church as 'God's household' help us to understand the way in which we should relate to one another and resolve differences? (Read Galatians 6:10 and Ephesians 2:16-19 to learn more.)

Paul describes the church as the home of the living God. In what ways is God present in a church assembled for worship and study that he isn't present in private study?

What does it mean for the church to be 'a pillar and buttress of truth'? (Read John 18:37 and colossians 1:5b to learn more.)

We saw the church has a double commitment to preserve and proclaim the truth. What does it mean to preserve the truth? What does it mean to proclaim the truth?

What is the danger of trying to preserve the truth without proclaiming it? What is the danger of trying to proclaim the truth without preserving it?

Paul emphasizes the historicity of the gospel. Why is it important that the gospel is rooted in history? How would you respond to someone who rejects the incarnation or resurrection?

How does what we believe influence the way we behave? Why is behavior important for Christians?

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