

# The Year(s) Of Following Jesus #170 Finding Common Ground

April 3, 2025

Welcome Home!  
Thanks for joining us today

April 4 & 5, 2025

My Lighthouse

Welcome

At Your Name

Even If

Lord's Supper Thought

It Is Well

Prayer

Communion

Lesson: The Year(s) of Following Jesus

#170 - Finding Common Ground - Aniela



## Good Stuff To Know

**Riverside Services Online-** If you aren't in town on the weekend, you can still follow our services. We live stream each service on Facebook! You can also watch them anytime through Facebook by navigating over to <https://www.facebook.com/EagleRiverside>. And you don't need a Facebook account to watch the videos.

**Offerings To Riverside - In case you were wondering-** We don't pass a collection plate at Riverside. If you'd like to give, there are boxes at the back & envelopes in the information racks for cash donations. If you would like the convenience of giving online, go to [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com), click on "Give" and follow the directions. Your donations are an answer to our prayers and are the only means by which Riverside is able to operate.

**FAQs** - Have questions about why we do what we do and why we don't do what we don't do? Chances are you'll find more about it on our FAQs page. You can access the page from our website or text the word "Guest" to 907-312-2662 and you'll receive a link to the page.



### First Time Visitors

#### The Lord's Supper (Communion)

This is a time when we "commune" with God and remember Jesus' sacrifice. We also "commune" with one another as His church family. You are welcome to participate with us by going to one of the tables set up with trays- each cup is actually 2 cups (bread in bottom and juice on top) so grab a set of cups and take it back to your place. You can eat/drink the cracker and juice whenever you feel ready and then throw the cups away on your way out (there are trash cans at all exits). Ask if you need gluten free. Everyone is welcome to join us if you're interested in remembering Jesus' life & sacrifice with us.

"Welcome To Riverside" brochure available online.  
[www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

### This Week At Riverside

(Specific info about these activities is listed in the "Happenings" section)

- Ignite/Rev Monday
- Bible Study Wednesday
- Thrive Thursday
- Craft Group Saturday
- Easter Candy needed

#### Need To Talk?...

The church office is not staffed during the week. There is a preschool that uses our building, so Ed, Aniela & Nate work from home. If you would like to contact them directly you can call them or email and set up an appointment.

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Website: [www.EagleRiverside.com](http://www.EagleRiverside.com)

Facebook: EagleRiverside

### Riverside Happenings

**April Service Project:** Candy! We need candy for the annual Easter Egg hunt.

**Easter Egg Stuffing:** Help stuff the eggs on Wednesday, April 16th, from 6-7pm.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Join us at the church Saturday, April 19 from 1-2pm. Take pictures with the Easter bunny, hunt for eggs, and prizes!

**Easter Sunday Services:** Easter Services will be on Saturday, April 19th, at 6 pm, Sunday, April 20th, at 10 am, and at 11:30 am. Invite a friend!

**Bible Study** - Meeting Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, led by Jake Belford. This is an opportunity to fill up your tank mid-week with Jesus! All are welcome.

**Community Group** - Alive is expanding to include our entire church family! Contact Cassie, and text 'alive' to 907-312-2662 for updates.

**Ladies Craft Day** - Bring your own craft and a dish to share. Saturday, April 12th, 10 am-4 pm at the church. See Becky 812-449-7004.

**Riverside Potluck** - May 11th after the 2nd service. See Lenea.

**Men's Fellowship:** The next get-together is TBD. See Hank for details.

**Baptism** - Want to get baptized or have questions? Scan the QR code or go to [www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism](http://www.EagleRiverside.com/baptism)



**Riverside App** - Did you know Riverside has its own app? Download here.



### Upcoming Youth Events

**Monday, April 7th, 6:00 - 7:30**

Ignite and Rev (our two younger youth groups) will combine at Riverside for pizza, games, and a devotional. For 4th - 8th graders. Questions? Like to help? See Cassie.



**Thursday, April 10th, 6:00 - 8:00**

9th - 12th graders. At Riverside. Pizza, games, and a devotional. Questions? Like to help? See Aniela.



To get updates, text the following to 907.312.2662:

"IGNITE" (4th & 5th) "REV" (6th-8th), -or- "THRIVE" (9th-12th).

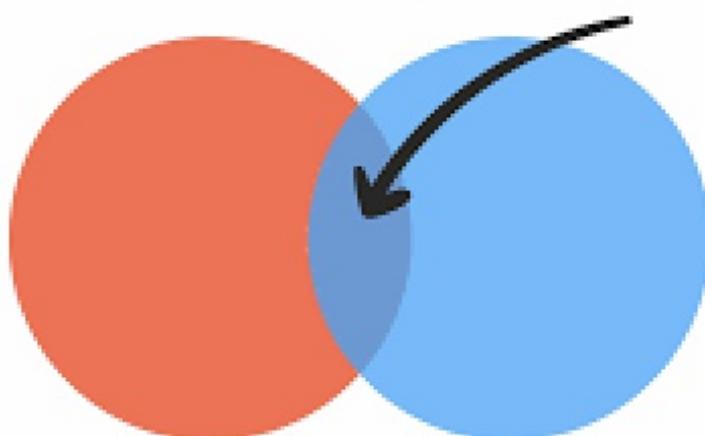
Everybody's Welcome...

Nobody's Perfect...

Anything's Possible!

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Common ground



## **1. Lead With Love.**

- *The entire law is fulfilled in a single decree: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

—*Galatians 5:14 (NIV)*

- *So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

—*Genesis 1:27 (NIV)*

## **2. Get Curious.**

- *Do not always be thinking about your own plans only. Be happy to know what other people are doing.*

—*Philippians 2:4 (NLV)*

- *If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.*

—*Philippians 2:4 (MSG)*

- *After three days they found him. Jesus was sitting in the Temple area with the religious teachers, listening and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and wise answers.*

—*Luke 2:46-47 (ERV)*

## **3. Stop Thinking In Terms Of Us -vs- Them.**

- *But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless*

*those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. Give to anyone who asks; and when things are taken away from you, don't try to get them back. Do to others as you would like them to do to you. "If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return. "Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked.*

—Luke 6:27-35 (NLT)

- *Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus' followers.) But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, "Why does he eat with such scum?" When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."*

—Mark 2:15-17 (NLT)

- Avoid thinking you're fragile
- Avoid always trusting your first feelings
- Avoid spaces that are set up to segregate us
- Avoid us versus them thinking

## **Follow Through Step:**

**Consider where you're putting people into groups. Where have you started thinking in “us versus them” ways? Imagine what your next step would be to love “them” like Jesus did.**