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where all are **invited**
all are **loved**
all are **shaped**
and all are **sent**
to live like
Jesus

A Pentecostal Vision for Faith CRC "Groaners"

Romans 8:18-27

Home Church Questions – June 6, 2021

1. Opening: What's your best 'groaner' joke? Or: share about the best joke-teller in your life, past or present.
2. What does it mean to groan, according to Romans 8:18-27? (The word appears 3 times in most translations.)
3. In our worship this morning, Pastor Cara encouraged us to listen as we went out to serve for the deep groaning of the world around us. If you participated in a service project, what groaning did you hear (literally or metaphorically) from creation, or from the people you served? Or, in general, what groaning around you (from neighbours, family members, the earth itself) is the Spirit asking you to pay attention to?
4. As a "community led by the Spirit," what does it look like to listen really well to the groaning of the world? What sort of response does listening call for, and what role does the hope of the gospel (for example, Romans 8:21, 23-24; Revelation 21:4-5) play in our response? What is one thing Jesus might be asking you to do this week?

Note from Pastor Cara: I've been thinking about a sermon series that addresses different aspects of brokenness in our world, and how we as neighbours might offer hope. Consider your interactions with your neighbours: what challenges are you encountering, and how would you like to be better equipped "to live like Jesus" in these interactions? What teaching would be helpful? Please send me an email with any questions or insights.

Close by sharing joys and concerns and praying for one another, for Faith Church, and for those who are groaning around us.

