



Date & Sermon Series:

August 5/6, 2017; Known

Speaker: Pastor Joshua Symonette

Scripture Focus: James 5:16; Galatians 6:2

Note to Leaders:

This weekend we talked about what it means to be known through struggle. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What did God reveal to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. What is one element of God's character you learned?

Specific Questions:

1. Pastor Joshua says, "We need relational spaces where we can be free and vulnerable with each other." With whom do you have spaces that provide this type of freedom?
2. Pastor Joshua says, "We want to be known by our successes not our failures." When was the last time you opened up about some of your recent failures, flops, or weaknesses in life? Which barrier, fear or shame, do you think holds you back the most from being honest about your weaknesses?
3. We're called to carry each other's burdens (reread Galatians 6:2). Are there boundaries or limits to this? Which is easier- for you to carry other people's burdens or allow others to carry yours? Why?
4. To whom is it the most difficult to confess your struggles? The easiest? What characteristics differentiate the two? How do you make yourself available for others to share their struggles with you?

5. Pastor Joshua says, “If you are willing to be inconvenienced, it could be a breakthrough for someone else.” When was a time you allowed yourself to be inconvenienced for someone else? What came from that experience? Has someone inconvenienced themselves for you? How did that make you feel?

6. What are some ways you can intentionally practice the muscle of unselfishness and presence this week?