

Curious: October 3/4

Speaker: Tom Hughes

Below are some study questions that will help you and your Life Group dig deeper into this weekend's sermon. We've included plenty of questions, but feel free to use just a few or to choose whichever questions best fit your group.

Bible Questions:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 12:8-10
 - a. Ask group members to read the passage again on their own. Give them a few minutes to sit with the passage and then ask the following questions. Paul said he "boasted" about his weaknesses. Do you tend to "boast" about or "hide" your weaknesses? Why? Paul also said that when he was weak he was strong. As you think about your life, is there a place of weakness where you need God's power to come and make you strong?

Application Questions:

2. Tom opened his sermon by asking everyone to complete the sentence, "I stopped running from God when..."
 - a. Go around the group and have everyone finish that sentence.
3. Tom said the decision to follow Christ did not mean we get a life free of suffering, and referenced John 16:33 which states we would have "many trials and sorrows".
 - a. How does this understanding impact your life as a disciple of Christ?
 - b. Describe a time when as a Christ follower you experienced pain and suffering?
4. During his sermon Tom made the point that "God often does the 'forgetful' work in us, before he does the 'fruitful' work through us".
 - a. Describe which work God is currently doing in you; the "forgetful" or the "fruitful".
 - b. Is there anyone you need to forgive for what they've done to you? Share about that.
5. Tom discussed the Japanese art form called Kintsugi – the art of the golden repair.
 - a. Where has God done, or is He still in the process of doing, "golden repair" in your brokenness?

Closing & Prayer: *[set aside 10-20 minutes for prayer]*

Break into partners and pray for each other:

- Pray for God to help you in those areas of your life where you feel weakest and need His strength.
- Pray for God's help in forgiving anyone for what they've done or said to you.
- Pray that God would continue the process of His "golden repair" in your brokenness.
- Pray for any other personal needs that you may have.