

GROUP DISCUSSION:

DISCIPLE CHECK-IN:

Where are you feeling Jesus' invitation to become more like Him?
Where do you feel resistance and where do you feel delight?

EXERCISE: THE QUESTION BEHIND THE QUESTION

God/Jesus have a wonderful way of asking questions not because they don't have the answer, but to serve the purpose of helping the people they are talking to become aware of what's going on in themselves. In order to help them take a step forward in their journey with Him, he first has them locate where they are.

Split up into pairs and look up one or two of these stories in the bible. What is the question behind the question that God/Jesus is really asking the person to engage with? Get back into a big group and share what you observed.

Question that God/Jesus asks:	What's the question really asking?
"Where are you?" (<i>Genesis 3:8-12</i>)	
"Where have you come from and where are you going?" (<i>Genesis 16:6-10</i>)	
What is your name? (<i>Genesis 32:24-29</i>)	
"What's that in your hand?" (<i>Exodus 4:1-5</i>)	
"Whom shall I send?" (<i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i>)	
"Do you have reason to be angry?" (<i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i>)	
"Where is your faith?" (<i>Luke 8:23-25</i>)	
"What do you want me to do for you?" (<i>Matthew 20:29-34</i>)	
"Why are your hearts troubled and why do you doubt?" (<i>Luke 24:36-40</i>)	
"Do you believe this?" (<i>John 11:23-27</i>)	
"Where are we to buy bread so these may eat?" (<i>John 6:4-7</i>)	

DISCUSSION:

- What are the situations and methods God uses to bring these different characters in the bible to an inflection point in their relationship with him?
- What is something you understand about yourself today that you were unaware of 20 years ago? How did God use self understanding to lead you towards growth in your relationship with him and to change you?
- What practices do you engage in currently that promotes greater self-awareness and makes space for the transforming work God is doing in your life?

RESPONSE:

Please leave 10 minutes at the end of your time together for a response.

Begin with 30 seconds of quiet and stillness.

Leader: *Where are you? What is your name? Where is your faith? These are some of the questions that God asks of us. What is the question he is asking you today?*

Let's hold out their hands in a position of receiving. Let's invite the Holy Spirit to ask us His questions.

Everyone: "Holy Spirit, come."

Leader: Let's give the Holy Spirit a few minutes to speak to our hearts with the things we've discussed tonight.

(2-3 minutes of silence)

Leader: If the Holy Spirit is highlighting anything to you personally or inviting you into something deeper, please feel free to respond to Him out loud in prayer so we can agree in prayer with you.

Leader: Holy Spirit, thank you for your ministry tonight, we ask that you do more of what you are doing in each of our lives. Amen.