

You Are Here

January 14-15, 2017

Community:

1. What has been the best trip you've ever taken, and what made it so great?
2. When you travel, what's your favorite part—the trip or the final destination?

Core:

1. During his message, Jim Burgen talked about the fact that *you are here*. How would you describe where *you are* currently?
2. What are some outside factors (like TV, Pinterest, social media, etc.) that accentuate your awareness of where you are in comparison to where you wish you were?
3. What is your strategy to get from where you are...to where you say you want to be? What stands in the way and what intentionally needs to happen to get where you need to be?
4. Would you consider where your life is now to be in a good place or a not-so-good place? Can you think of a time when you were on the opposite side? What made it different and what changed?
5. **Read Hebrews 12: 1.** What are some of the weights (or sins) that hold closely to you and keep you from reaching your end goals?
6. What do you think of when you picture the *kingdom of heaven*? Where do you think your idea originated, and how does it compare with what Jim described when he talked about the kingdom of heaven; being so near—like the air we breathe?
7. When you think of Jim's illustration about trying to find directions on a map, how do you usually respond in those situations? Are you the type of person who adjusts their course according to what the map/truth says or are you more likely to disagree with "truth" and get angry? Why?

Challenge:

This week, try and really determine where you are in life, and on your faith journey. Write down what comes to mind when you think of where you want to go from here. Then, write down what it would look like when you get there...and what your plan or strategy to get there looks like. Spend some time in prayer asking God for help in determining what your first steps should be to start moving from where you are...to where God says is better and you always hoped was possible.