

Wrestling with God – Tapping Out (Peter)

Weekend Discussion Questions

July 25-26, 2015

Community:

1. As we have gone through this series, have you found yourself wrestling with God more...or less? Please explain.
2. What was your initial reaction to West Campus Pastor Jesse DeYoung's story?

Core:

1. Jesus asked Peter, "*Who do you say that I am?*" If you were asked the same question, how would you respond? Who is Jesus to you personally?
2. Now, another question: Who does Jesus say **you** are? Do you live in that belief? Why or why not?
3. **Read Mark 8:31-33.** Why do you think Jesus responded so intensely to Peter's rebuke? What is the important point Jesus is conveying when He says, "*You are not setting your mind on the things of God?*"
4. This weekend Jesse said, "*The people wanted revolution. What they needed was sacrifice.*" Has there been a time when you wanted God to do something, change something, in your life, but what you really needed was to trust Him, to experience Him, to know Him more? How did God meet you in that situation?
5. If you're in a wrestling match with God, what does it look like for you to keep showing up? Do you need to pursue relationships that draw you closer to God? Where are you failing to show up?
6. 1 John 3:20 says, "*For whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.*" What does this verse mean? Why is it important when thinking about how God views us and our past?

Challenge:

Throughout this week, take the time to just sit in silence, to simply try and experience God's presence. If you feel led, ask God for His help and guidance with what you're wrestling with...and if you can't put your finger on anything in particular...ask God for His help in determining and naming that struggle.