

Knox Presbyterian Church Small Group Discussion Questions Better Together Week of September 25th

Get To Know Each Other

To get started, make sure you everyone knows each other.

• As always, spend some time checking in with the members of your group. Spend some time catching up and welcoming any new faces. You might share a high and a low of the last week.

Read Scripture

Pull out your Bibles or Bible App on your phones and read **Mark 10.32-45** out loud and take a moment to reflect upon it.

- What jumps out at you or strikes you?
- What speaks to you?
- What confuses you?

Group Discussion Questions

Link to Sermon

1. Pastor David's first point is 'we are called to follow Jesus, not just admire him.' He relates this to the Danish thinker Soren Kierkegaard and his distinction between 'admiring' Christ and really 'following' him.

- What are we trying to get at by this distinction?
- Why isn't admiring Jesus enough?

- 2. Pastor David's second point is 'following Jesus is hard, and we will make mistakes.'
 - What's your reaction to that idea?
 - How does it relate to the first point about following Jesus?
 - How might it be liberating to realize that no one follows Jesus perfectly?
- 3. Pastor David's third point is, 'through our mistakes, we experience God's grace.'
 - What is it about making mistakes in our Christian walk that opens us up to a deeper experience of God's grace?
 - How do we see this play out in the gospel of Mark?

You might look at **Mark 16.7** for an example, or discuss David's illustration of a scratched LP record, to flesh this out.

<u>Action</u>

Take a moment and reflect on what God might be saying to you through this message.

- What are some ways you can follow Jesus, rather than just admire him?
- How can you extend grace and forgiveness to other Christians, or yourself, when you make mistakes in your faith journey?
- Where is Jesus meeting you in and through your imperfections?

<u>Closing</u>

Share about these questions and pray together.

