



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Part 4 – *Top Gun: Past Your Past*

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Icebreaker: *Who is your favorite actor and why? What are the on screen qualities that draw you most to her or him?*

1) Both in Scripture and on the screen (*Top Gun: Maverick*) the topic of moving past your past is an important one. Why do you suppose this is such a challenging endeavor for all of us? And what specific roles do Failure & Fear play in keeping one connected to the past in an unhealthy manner?

2) Spend some time as a group reading the earliest accounts of Moses (Ex 2-3). What are the elements which strike you the most? What lessons do you learn from that foundational portion of his life? Also discuss the concept of withering in the wilderness “the land of Midian”(Ex 2:15) ... how do you suppose that happens?

3) Real-Life-Practical-Question: With whom do you “unpack your baggage?” *Or are you that one person who has no baggage? ;-)*

4) Read and discuss the following quote from St. Ignatius of Loyola:

We should not fix our desires on health or sickness, wealth or poverty, success or failure, a long life or a short one. For everything has the potential of calling forth in us a deeper response to our life in God. Our only desire and one choice should be this: I want and I choose what better leads to God’s deepening life in me.

Is that true for you today? Why or why not? And how might St. Ignatius’ insight relate to the way you handle your past as well as any failures and/or fears you deal with today?

5) How does the quote above relate with Paul’s resolution found in Philippians 3:13-14? Take a moment now to write your own resolution on the back of this page. You don’t have to wax eloquent ... but you do need to be sincere. Finally, have one or two people share what they wrote and then pray for one another.

JOIN US AT THE BEACH NEXT SUNDAY (AUG 7):

