

Week 12- “Brandon’s Story From Cave to Community”

Growth in Church is a wonderful thing, however when growing is the main focus then a Church can feel messy. In this series we talk about the incredible growth we are experiencing at RockPoint and how as a Church we don’t want growing to taint the mission to be a safe community where anyone can discover,develop, and deepen a relationship with Jesus. In this week’s message, we hear Brandon's story of how a safe community helped him meet the real Jesus. His story emphasises why we as a church strive to be a safe community where anyone can discover, develop, and deepen a relationship with Jesus.

1. In what ways did Brandon’s story resonate with you?

Read Psalm 57:1-11
David wrote this Psalm from a place of deep sorrow from people betraying him.

2. Have you experienced wounds from the church that have caused you to question your faith in God? If so, can you share about that experience?

Brandon shared a time where he asked the question: How does a person overcome their hurts, traumas, their wounds, the darkness they are living in to find hope and healing and freedom and real community and ultimately Jesus?

3. Why do you think people tend to want to hide those inner struggles and faith questions from others?

4. Have you experienced a safe community to the level where the brokenness in you can be known and find that you are still loved? If so, how has that helped you grow?

5. Do you have fears around letting others into your inner struggles, and questions? If so, what do you think will happen if you share them out loud?

Read 1 John 1:7

6. What are the qualities of a safe community?

7. How does the Gospel practically lay a foundation for a safe community?

8. Why do you think God designed walking in the light to be a way to find meaningful community with others?

9. What step can you take this week to let someone into a place of struggle?

10. Has the real you met the real Jesus? How can this group help you discover more deeply who Jesus is and His grace for you?

Jesus ultimately stepped into the darkness and laid down his life for us and rose again, so that you and I could step into the light. In a Gospel Centered safe community we can walk in the light no matter the circumstances, brokenness, fears, hurts, or questions. That is what we as a church are fighting for, to be a safe community where the worst of us can be known and we are loved more for it because of what Jesus's grace has done for us.