

The Death of Me

WEEK 2 – Always More to the Story

BIG IDEA:

Mourning happens when things don't go how we planned or when life is more difficult & painful than we thought it would be. In the space between our expectations & our reality, God shows up to give us a glimpse of Himself—and that's all we truly need. Jesus promises a blessing in the midst of your heartache, in the midst of your failure, in the midst of your brokenness, in the midst of your disappointment, and in the midst of your mourning. You are blessed.

KEY VERSE:

Matthew 5:4 (NIV) Blessed are those who mourn.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. When have you experienced sorrow? How did you experience God in those moments?
2. Have you felt the void that comes when you experience loss? How some of the ways you have filled that void? Have you allowed God to fill you? What does that look like?
3. Ever been in Job's wife shoes? What good is God if you can't have your dream life?
4. What does God's comfort feel like? How do you know it's Him?
5. Do you live like you believe that God's presence is better than whatever it is you have lost?
6. Have you ever experienced clarity of vision after you've lost something?

MOVING FORWARD:

The enemy wants to convince you today that things you've lost are greater than the presence of God. But we serve a God who trumps any scheme of the enemy. Don't let the enemy tell you that the death of whatever it is has kept you from the life that God intends for you to live. You may believe that what you lost is too great, but God is greater. It's not the whole story - it's just part of the story. God has claimed victory over every facet of your life - even our eternity. Share with the group which part of this message resonated with you; and take some time to share if you are experiencing loss now. As a group, be sure to set aside time to pray over these situations.