

## **GROUP QUESTIONS: Parables with Pastor Mindy**

1. If you could travel to anyplace in the world where would you go?
2. Take a minute to summarize with your group the main point of the message from Sunday and/or briefly share what stood out to you the most.
3. Pastor Mindy talked about our church losing and then finding community after becoming an affirming church. Do you have any experiences or stories you would be willing to share where a change in your life or your belief system pushed you into a situation where you lost a relationship? What did you learn when you had to let go of things and find new relationships? Did faith impact your journey in some way?
4. Pastor Mindy shared that our church recognizes that we can not be anything and everything but we CAN be who we believe God calls us to be. How does this resonate for you? What things do you believe God may be stirring in you? Do you find resonance with others in our community around these things?
5. Pastor Mindy reminded us of the story of Naomi. Naomi recognized what was (her reality) and named herself Mara - bitter - as her grief consumed her. However, she is not referred to Mara for the remainder of the book. She is called Naomi - pleasant. Mindy suggested that we too have to recognize what is (the reality of our lives) and then ask God what is available to me in this moment. When we do this we can also remember that Spirit is always working and moving and things are changing. What is a reality you for you that you might be willing to share today? What do you think is available to you in this moment? What might God be calling you to in this moment as it relates to that?