

40: The Place Where Transformation Happens

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Big Idea: God forms us so that he can work through us.

Questions for Connection (*Use these to help start conversations.*)

1. When and where was the longest line you've ever waited in?
2. Have you ever been recruited to do something because someone saw an ability in you?

Invite the Spirit to guide your discussion as you start.

Read Acts 1:1-11

1. Have you ever had an experience that made something you knew about God feel much more real? What happened? How did that experience change the way you trusted or followed Jesus?
2. The disciples were told to wait in Jerusalem (1:4). Reflect on a season of waiting in your life: what was God doing in you, and what did he show you during that time? Why is it sometimes hard to recognize that God is at work while we're still waiting?
3. During a hard season of waiting, do you isolate yourself or surround yourself with others? What does your prayer life look like during these times? How can we make sure our group knows when one of us is in a hard season of waiting?
4. Jesus tells his disciples they'll receive power to be his witnesses (1:8). Does knowing you don't have to do this in your own power give you more confidence to be his witness?
5. Who has helped you come to know Jesus or grow in your faith? What did they do that made such a difference? What about their life showed you they aren't doing it in their own power?
6. After Jesus ascends, the disciples stand there looking toward heaven (1:10-11). Why do you think the angels challenge them about standing there looking up? Do you ever find yourself just "looking toward heaven"?
7. Have you ever felt God prompting you to take a step of faith, only to talk yourself out of it because you didn't feel ready or worthy? What held you back?
8. Over these forty days of prayer, we've asked Jesus to transform us, our church, our region, and our world. Is there something you've been praying for that you sense he might be inviting you to become part of? What could taking a step toward that look like for you or for our Group together? **Pray over this before you end your group.**