

# CALVARY WEEKLY DISCUSSION GUIDE

July 5, 2020



## CONNECT

The 4th of July weekend is typically filled with traditions and fun for many people. But 2020 is - as we like to say at Calvary - *a summer like no other*. Did you follow your usual traditions? If not, what did you do instead?

## GROW

- Did you grow up with an understanding that if you lived a "good life" there wouldn't be trouble? Can you think of examples of when that logic broke down for you? Read what Jesus says in **John 16:25-33**.
- The first time you try anything, it often doesn't go as planned. What "firsts" do you think of? What in your life has felt "**out of sorts**" in the last few months, and what have you done successfully or unsuccessfully to try and sort that out?
- What in your life feels "out of sorts" that you need to **be more honest about** with yourself and those around you? Is it harder to be honest with yourself or with others? Read about Paul's honesty with himself in **Romans 7:14-20**.
- Discomfort is a natural part of growth, but we tend to reach a stage in life where we veer toward comfort and control. Where is God inviting you to experience some **discomfort or "holy agitation"** in order for you to grow? Do you think in our world today we have an aversion to discomfort?

## PRAY

Loving God, when we feel "out of sorts," give us your peace. When we lean toward denial, guide us toward honesty. And when we feel discomfort, remind us that our growth happens through you. We give thanks that nothing in all of creation can ever separate us from your love. Amen.