

MEETING 7: Week of May 5-10

(start with food & fellowship and then gather everyone together)

NAMES & ICE BREAKER QUESTION:

Say your name and answer the question: "What's a book, movie, or show that you'd recommend?"

WORSHIP (OPTIONAL): 'Jesus We Love You' by Bethel Music

Find the worship lyric video on website: www.trinitycommunitychurchde.com/lifegroups

(open with a brief prayer)

DISCUSSION: This last weekend at Trinity we had guest speaker Robert Stearns. Here are some highlights from his talk and some discussion questions to help us apply it to our lives.

- Genesis 3:9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"
The phrase "where are you?" in Hebrew is "ai-Yek-kah" (אֵי-יֶכָה). This question was asked in a loving tone... as if to say "Where are you, what is going on?" God knew where Adam was, but their connection had been broken. He was lovingly trying to draw him back to himself.
- **What are some things that cause us to lose our connection/closeness with God?**
- **Is it possible to be in a situation/relationship but not be "fully present"? What does that look like?**
- Genesis 22:1 Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And Abraham said, "Here I am."
The phrase "Here I am" in Hebrew: "hin-nê-nî" (הִנֵּנִי) means to be fully spiritually present and receptive to God.
- **How can we be more "fully present and connected" with God and others?**
- **Any other thoughts or things from this weekend that stood out to you?**

CLOSING THOUGHT:

Robert said "If we live in the past, we will be depressed. If we live in the future, we will be anxious. If we live with God in the present, we will be resilient."

PRAYER TOGETHER: Share praises and prayer requests. Pray for each other.