

Listen | Week 04

Finding Your Empathy | January 28th and 31st

Anchor Verse: Whoever answers before listening, theirs is folly and shame. Proverbs 18:13

What's the Issue Anyway?

We have a shortage of _____ and an abundance of _____.

We judge people through the rubric of _____ experiences not theirs.

What does the wisdom of Scripture offer us? (Luke 7:36-39)

Sinfulness is in the eye of the _____.

How people see _____ effects how they see _____.

Simon didn't see the woman, only her _____.

"Forgiven" was the truth she dared to _____.

Faith was her path to _____.

The Point: Jesus' _____ flowed from his understanding of her _____.

What about my everyday, peacemaking life?

Listen to the _____ story.

Hate the _____, love the _____.

Focus your eyes on their _____. (Luke 23:34)

Jesus seemed to practice _____-informed spiritual care.

How can this make me a better human and our world a better place?

We will experience the healing power of _____.

Solidarity eases the weight of _____.

What is God inviting you into today?

1. God is inviting me to choose the truth of "Forgiven"
2. God is inviting me to take the bread and the juice as my commitment to stand in solidarity with those wounded by sin in this world just as Jesus stands in solidarity with me.

Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection

1. What is a behavior you have a hard time feeling empathy towards?
2. What caused Simon to see the woman as unworthy of Jesus? How could this woman be forgiven without asking for it and before Jesus' death and resurrection?
3. What questions could you ask to understand a person's story?
4. What category of "other" might God be inviting you to stand in solidarity with today? What actions might you take towards greater solidarity and empathy with this group over the next 30 days?