

Uncomfortable wk1: Embrace the Uncomfortable

Introduction: No one likes to be uncomfortable, but it is often those uncomfortable things that spur the greatest growth in our lives. Likewise, there are things about Christianity or discipleship that can be uncomfortable, but what might happen if we collectively lean into that as a community?

Discussion Questions

- 1. What do typically do when you are placed in an awkward or uncomfortable social situation? Are there places or situations that you avoid because they make you uncomfortable?
- 2. Can you think of a time where you pushed through something uncomfortable to your benefit? What can you tell us about that?
- 3. **Read Matthew 11:28-30 & Luke 9:23-24** What is the tension between these 2 passages? How can they both be true?
- 4. **Read Acts 15:19** There are good reasons to try and make coming to church or getting involved easy or to make people comfortable...at the same time if we go too far down that path, we make discipleship much challenging and life changing that it should be. How do we live in that tension? Where do we do a good job on this? Where could we be better?
- 5. There is tension between our personal preferences about church and scriptural mandates. What kinds of things might be a good reason to leave a church and what kinds of things should you stay and either show grace or work towards better understanding?
- 6. What was the last uncomfortable step you took in your faith? What might be the next step God might call you to take that feels uncomfortable? How can we support you take that step?

Shaping Your Mind - And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Eph. 2:22

Moving Forward – Let Jesus shape you in the uncomfortable to make His house all He wants it to be.