

What is it to You?

-Going Deeper

God, give me eyes to see and ears to hear. Show me what you want to say to me today.

It is so easy to fall into the comparison game. You know what they say, "The grass is always greener on the other side." We really struggle with discontentment don't we? Whether we want the kind of life or relationships or things that another person has, or maybe it just seems like everything comes easy to that other person, or maybe there is someone who is just a jerk, but good things keep happening to them-it doesn't seem fair.

But there it is isn't it? We have this deep sense that everything needs to be "fair." Because essentially, we believe that we deserve certain good things or don't deserve certain struggles. This poses a whole plethora of problems: we become bitter and resentful, envious, our relationships suffer, our own perspective suffers, our trust in God wanes, etc.

We are invited to follow Jesus and in doing so, step into who we really are, but when we start to compare, we get sidetracked by someone else. Let's spend some time refocusing ourselves on the one who created and called us.

Take a look at Psalm 73. In what ways can you identify with the psalmist?

What are some of his conclusions?

Reflect on Jacob's struggle in Genesis 27 and 32, can you identify with his struggle to accept who he is and to trust God to accomplish what God wants to accomplish? How?

Comparing leads to envy and resentment. How does comparing make it difficult to live Romans 12.14-21?

Why do you think we struggle so much with not being ok with who God made us to be?

Make a list of the people you compare yourself to and how. This is your new prayer list. As much as possible in the coming week, pray that God would bless them and help them to recognize and enjoy His presence and grace.

How is God going to use you when you wish you were someone else?