

QUESTIONS *for* VIRTUAL SMALL GROUPS

ASKING FOR A FRIEND #3

ICE BREAKERS:

- Pastor Scott said Missy Moreno is one of the funniest people he knows. Who is one of the funniest people you know?
- Living with other people can be hard, what is one thing someone does in the house that always bothers you/ you don't have control of?

LAUNCH QUESTIONS:

- Pastor Scott began by saying that he was going to begin and end as “nice Scott” but that in the middle he was going to get up in your face and maybe make you uncomfortable. Have you had that experience with a friend...where you (or they) made you uncomfortable because a hard truth needed to be shared?
- What are times in your life that you have asked, “Why God?”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Pastor Scott said there are three conclusions that we often come to in times of crisis. Which one of these resonates with you?
 - o God must be angry and that is why this is happening.
 - o He didn't stop it because He can't. He is not all powerful so therefore He is not in control
 - o He doesn't really care. He is uninterested.
- The Providence of God is Him patiently accepting all of our “Why God” questions yet doing something better than we could possibly imagine in our lives. What has God made beautiful in your life over time that you never could have imagined?

- Read Ecclesiastes 3:11 “He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.” What do you understand about God’s providence through this verse?
- Read Matthew 6:31-34. What stands out to you?
 - o Where have you seen God provide for you during this time?
- In Scott’s sermon he says this “On an airplane the flight attendant always tells us that if there is a crisis oxygen masks will drop down and we are told; “Don’t try and help anyone else first, even if you have little kids, first put your mask on.” You can’t help anyone else if you are passed out. Some of us must stop right now and put your own oxygen mask on right now.”
 - o Have you stopped to put your oxygen mask on with prayer on during this time? If not, what steps can you make to put on your own oxygen mask?
- “In a crisis extraordinary prayer leads to breakthrough and revival.” What do you think this means?
- Pastor Scott gave an invitation to give control of your life over to Christ. Have you done that? If not, what’s standing in your way?

PRAYER IDEAS:

- Have each person name an area win which they have not been trusting God in this crisis. Pray together that we would trust that God is in control in these areas.
- Pray for breakthrough and revival in your own faith, in our city and in the world.

SENDING CHALLENGE:

- Jesus said in John 16:33, “ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” Take some time to pray every day for the next week affirming that God is in control. Ask him to show you where you can show mercy and be generous. Let’s come back next week and share how it went.

