

“What’s your story?”

Exodus 2:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ “When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.”

We invite each other into growing community by

1. Sharing our _____ (Exodus 2:18-20)

Reflection questions:

- Who can I invite into growing community? (Who is at the well beside me?)
- Reflect on this present moment in the ongoing story of your life. What are some themes you see emerging? At the right time, what might you want to share?

Action Steps:

As we seek to draw out the stories of others with respect and loving curiosity, write some questions you can use to help you listen well:

- _____? _____?
- Examples: “What’s your story?” “Where’s home for you?” “How did you end up here?” “Have there been any big turning points for you in the last year or so?” “How did you meet?”

2. Paying attention to _____ (Exodus 2:1-10)

Reflection questions:

- Am I aware of my origin story? If I were to tell my story from the beginning what would it include?
- Like the daughters of Reuel (v. 19), what assumptions might I need to disrupt as others share their origin stories with me?

Action Steps:

- Find a roommate, friend, partner or spouse to share their origin story with you this week, even if you’ve heard it before. As you listen and ask questions, try to do so with a curiosity that seeks a fuller understanding of who they are.
- Debrief with them later and ask them how it went. What about your listening did they find helpful? Did they find that any particular questions worked better than others to draw them out?