

Vintage Small Groups Session 4

Augustine



Getting to Know You

1. What is something *you* did to help someone this past week?
2. What is something someone else did to help you this past week?

Discussion Questions

1. Share about someone from your own life—maybe even yourself—who may have lived on ‘the wild side’ for a time, wrestled mightily, or didn’t come to the faith simply or conventionally, but who did in time end by becoming a faithful follower of Jesus?
2. We hear Karen talk about the relentless care and shepherding in the faith Augustine’s mother and a handful of priests provided for the long arc of his spiritual journey. For those who are actively struggling to claim a life of faith, what actions, words and/or practices have you found helpful in accompanying and supporting others on the journey?
3. Where do experience a sense of being “seen and known and welcomed” in the church, as Augustine was able to experience by Bishop Ambrose? How might the church do a better job of creating spaces and opportunities for people to feel seen and known by God?
4. Karen talks about “the honest struggle,” being such a formative part of Augustine’s faith formation and vocation. What questions—about God, creation, the life of Jesus, your faith in general—do you find yourself honestly struggling with?
5. If you were to have coffee with Augustine, what would you ask him? What affirmations of his work and witness would you offer?

