COME OUT OF YOUR CORNER

CORE

IF YOU WERE REVISITING SOME OF THE KEY SCENES, MEMORIES, AND DREAMS THAT HAVE SHAPED YOUR STORY, WHAT WOULD THEY BE? WHY DO THESE STAND OUT?

HOW HAS YOUR PERSPECTIVE CHANGED SINCE THOSE EXPERIENCES, FOR BETTER OR WORSE? HOW HAS YOUR PERSPECTIVE REMAINED RELATIVELY THE SAME? CHARLAMAGNE AND PASTOR STEVEN DISCUSSED THE CHALLENGE OF MAINTAINING GRATITUDE WHILE MANAGING RESPONSIBILITY. HOW DO YOU RELATE TO THIS TENSION?

DISCUSS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR EARLY HOPES And your current life experience.

CONVICTION

AS PASTOR STEVEN AND CHARLAMAGNE WERE SITTING IN BERKELEY MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHERE MANY OF THEIR BELIEFS ABOUT OTHERS WERE FORMULATED, THEY DISCUSSED HOW THOSE BELIEFS HAVE SHIFTED OVER TIME.

- SHARE ABOUT A SPECIFIC CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE THAT HAS INFLUENCED WHO YOU ARE — OR HOW YOU THINK NOW.
- WHAT BELIEF SYSTEMS DID YOU INHERIT, AND HOW HAVE YOU EVALUATED THEM THROUGH THE YEARS?

OUR VIEW OF THE WORLD IS LARGELY SHAPED BY OUR Surroundings, experiences, and relationships. Describe a moment when a conviction was Challenged because of a new relationship or experience. THE FIRST STEP TOWARD HEALTHY DIALOGUE IS RECOGNIZING OUR OWN BIASES.

• DESCRIBE AN EXPERIENCE YOU'VE HAD WITH Someone — who had a different background Than you — when your own bias was Revealed, or an assumption you had Was challenged.

WHAT FEAR AND/OR HESITANCE DO YOU THINK KEEPS PEOPLE FROM DISCUSSING THE NEED FOR RACIAL UNITY? CHARLAMAGNE MENTIONED THAT WHEN IT COMES TO PREJUDICE, SILENCE CAN OFTEN BE MISUNDERSTOOD. IN WHAT MEANINGFUL WAYS CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONVERSATION ABOUT RACIAL TENSION IN YOUR CIRCLES OF INFLUENCE?

CALLING

CHARLAMAGNE SET OUT BELIEVING HE WAS GOING TO BE A RAPPER, BUT AS HIS STORY PROGRESSED, HE REALIZED HE COULD MAKE A GREATER CONTRIBUTION AS A RADIO PERSONALITY.

- HOW HAVE YOUR OWN PASSIONS AND DREAMS
 BEEN REFINED OVER TIME?
- DISCUSS HOW YOU'VE NEEDED TO BE FLEXIBLE About what you thought your calling was.

PASTOR STEVEN DESCRIBED HOW PASTOR MICKEY WHITE WAS CONFIDENT ABOUT HIS POTENTIAL BEFORE THE EVIDENCE WAS THERE TO BACK IT UP. WHAT'S SOMETHING SOMEONE HAS SPOKEN, CONSTRUCTIVE OR CRITICAL, THAT HAS STUCK WITH YOU FOR YEARS? HOW HAS IT AFFECTED YOU?

HAVE YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A VOICE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO SOMEONE ELSE'S CALLING? IF YOU HAVE, TALK ABOUT IT. IF YOU HAVEN'T, DESCRIBE HOW YOU WOULD ENCOURAGE SOMEONE STRUGGLING WITH THEIR CALLING.

WHAT ARE YOUR EARLIEST MEMORIES OF FEELING Called by God to do something? Do you feel like You have obeyed that call? CALLINGS ARE CLARIFIED WHEN WE'RE WILLING TO BE USED IN WHATEVER ARENA GOD CALLS US TO. THOSE ARENAS CAN BE AS DIFFERENT AS CHURCH AND RADIO, BUT WE ALL NEED TO BE WILLING TO BE "TAPPED" BY GOD. DESCRIBE A TIME YOU HAVE FELT LIKE GOD TAPPED YOU ON THE SHOULDER. HOW DID YOU RESPOND, AND WHAT WERE THE RESULTS? IS HE TAPPING YOU TO SERVE HIM IN A SPECIFIC WAY NOW?

FOR PASTOR STEVEN AND CHARLAMAGNE, CALLING WAS DEFINED MORE BY WHAT THEY HAD TO GIVE THAN WHAT THEY COULD GAIN. WHAT HAS GOD BLESSED YOU WITH THAT WOULD BENEFIT OTHERS, AND HOW ARE YOU STEWARDING THAT GIFT?

PASTOR STEVEN SAID, "IT MATTERS MORE HOW YOU FINISH THAN HOW YOU STARTED, BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS HOW YOU GET THERE." REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW, HOW WOULD YOU EVALUATE YOUR PROGRESS?

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