

BIG IDEA

The engagement of love will always cost you.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Describe a time something cost more than you expected. What did you learn?

Read 2 Kings 7:3-11. What costs were the lepers willing to pay in order to share what they had found? What costs are you willing to pay to engage with others?

What is the difference between empathy and sympathy?

What does the Incarnation (Jesus coming to earth) teach us about empathy?

Recall the story of Cal's Imam friend, Didmar. How could engaging in someone's story enhance your life?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Share your thoughts on the following quote:

"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference." - Elie Wiesel

What person or group of people do you empathize with the least? Where has indifference crept into your life?

Do you make time to engage with people who are different than you? Why or why not?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

If someone were to look at your social media accounts or communication with others would they be more likely to say you are *hostile* or *hospitable*? Support your answer.

Read Philippians 2:3-4 and Luke 9:23. What would it look like for you to become a more empathetic person?

Take some time to pray. Is there a person or situation that God is asking you to engage with differently? What are you going to do about it?

