

Session Three



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Dwelling - Session 3

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over."



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Dwelling – (cont.)

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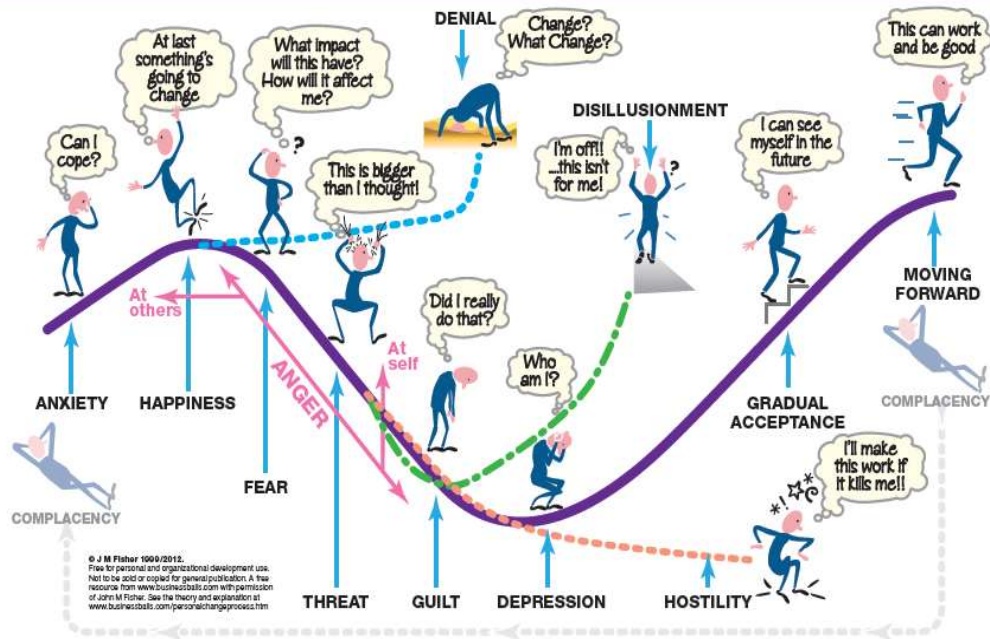
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What Scriptures come to mind that give you hope? What do you know about Jesus, or what have you experienced in Jesus, that allows you to cling to the promise?

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The Process of Transition - John Fisher, 2012 (Fisher's Personal Transition Curve)



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Key Questions

- How do we discover a hopeful future when we don't know where we're going?
- How do we follow the Spirit when the outcomes aren't clear ahead of time?



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Identifying Our Source of Energy and Hope

- God's unconditional promise in Christ
- Identity as gift
- Body of Christ as community of difference without division
- Animated by Spirit
- Freed to love neighbor



Andrei Rublev, The Holy Trinity

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Getting Clear on Your “Why”

- What is life-changing at the heart of your Christian faith and in your church?
- What difference does Jesus make to you personally, to the life of your church, and to our world?
- **Why Jesus Practice:**
 - Take turns sharing your answers to these questions
 - Why am I a Christian?
 - What difference does Jesus make in my life?



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Getting Clear on Your “Why” Debrief

- What was your experience with this activity?
- What did you learn by taking part in it?



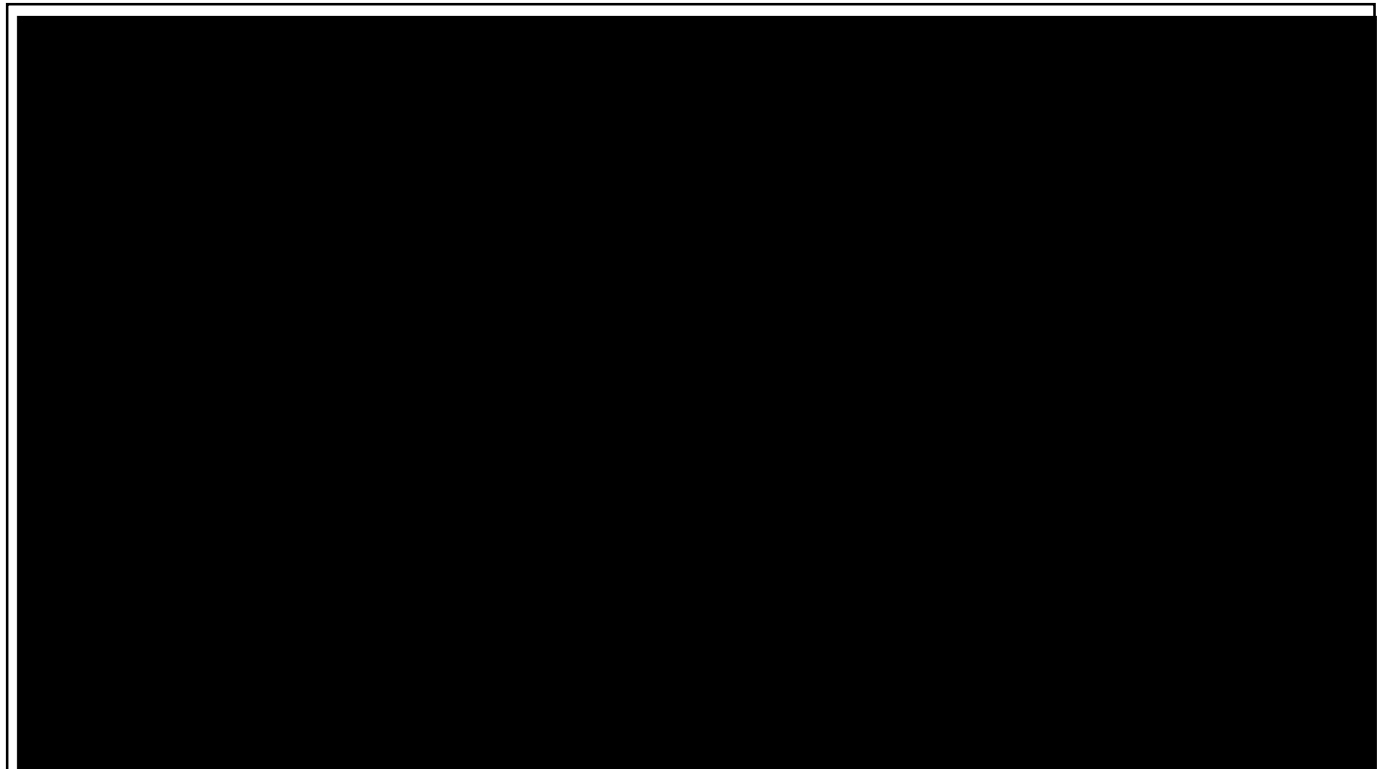
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What Is Our Story?

- Ultimate reality is communal
- People are both good and broken
- Your past need not define your future
- It's not all up to you
- You aren't alone in your suffering
- Flourishing is found in unconditional love and sacrificial service



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Time for Reflection and Conversation

