

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY Session 22

A CALL NOT TAKEN

OPENING WORDS: “We gather this day in expectation and in hope. To this gathered circle we bring memories and connections, hopes and fears and aspirations. May we renew again that fellowship which is deepened and enriched by our sharing. May we be reminded again of the wider horizons of our human community. And may we hold one another in that esteem that makes family of us all.” *Calvin Dame*

CHECK-IN/SHARING

- Current state of physical or spiritual health
- Joys or concerns about loved ones
- Concerns/excitement about what is happening in our lives

REVIEW COVENANT

REVIEW PROGRESS OF THE CIRCLE

TOPIC/ACTIVITY: “None of us will ever accomplish anything excellent or commanding, except when he listens to this whisper which is heard by him alone.” *Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

Many of us have any number of issues or concerns floating around in our thoughts which we think that somebody really ought to do something about. For example, that the Second Amendment to the Constitution ought to be repealed to decrease the level of gun violence in our country, or that prisons are medieval and ought to be radically reformed, etc. etc.

Questions:

- 1) What thoughts do you have about things that “someone” ought to do something about?
- 2) What would be needed to get you involved in changing some of these things?
- 3) What prevents you from taking some action on the issues that burn in your heart?

CHECK OUT

What did you like about this meeting?

What do you wish had been different?

CLOSING WORDS: “As we leave this circle, may we carry one another in our hearts. And may the fellowship that we have shared expand our sympathy, strengthen our resolve and carry us forward into tomorrow.” *Calvin Dame*