



A Former Foster Kid Finds God and Community

with David Petty

DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever spent time in the foster system? If so, how did that experience shape the person you are today? If not, have you ever known someone who was a foster child? Did they ever talk in detail about what their life was like? What kind of impressions did you draw about the foster system based on what they told you?
2. Thinking back to your formative years, who was someone who practiced their faith in a way that left a positive impression with you? What were some of the things they did that you admired or appreciated? Did their example prompt you to put more time or effort into your own faith journey? *Matthew 5:13-16*
3. Think of a time in your life when you spent a great deal of time around people of a different race, ethnicity, or culture. Were you in this situation by choice, or were you assigned there because of a work or military assignment? What did you learn from the experience? Did you have any negative impressions of that race/culture that were dispelled by your experience living around them? *Revelation 7:9-12*

4. Have you ever been divorced or separated? Was the divorce/separation something you initiated, or was it your spouse's decision? What would you say is the greatest challenge you faced after that separation? Was there anything you did to recover from or cope with the situation that you now wish you'd done differently?

5. Were you a regular member of a church before you started participating in The Redeemed's small groups? If so, what prompted you to seek out The Redeemed? Were you simply looking for different opportunities or perspectives, or was there something you felt you needed that the church wasn't providing? Do you still participate actively in both your "home church" and The Redeemed?

6. If you weren't a regular churchgoer before getting involved with The Redeemed, was there a reason you didn't have a church you called your own? Has your experience with The Redeemed prompted you to seek out a church where you can attend regularly and deepen your spiritual journey? *Hebrews 10:25*