

Anchored: Risk
Luke 22:39-46
Sept 26, 2021

WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. Are you more of a risk taker or a risk averse person? Why?
2. Pastor Julie talks about risk as action in the face of an uncertain outcome. What has your experience been with Christianity and its relationship to risk?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. Pastor Julie offers three anchoring practices for being in the midst of unresolved and uncertain circumstances. The first is prayer: "Whether we are offering prayer of gratitude or anguish, God hears and receives them with the love of a father for his children. This is what anchors our faith, not getting the answers that we want or expect." What attitudes and expectations do you usually have when you bring requests to God?
2. The second anchoring practice is surrender, which Julie says is a sign that we finally trust God with the circumstances/matters at hand. What are some things you are afraid to surrender to God?
3. The third anchoring practice is choosing to pursue an honest faithfulness to God, despite the circumstance and our feelings around it. Julie states that even when she comes to God in sorrow or anger, "the honesty helps put me in a position to receive." What does a healthy and honest faithfulness on our part look like when God may seem distant and unresponsive?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. As we think about our current uncertainty and risky situations, reflect on the uncertain situations God has seen you through previously. What might God be speaking to you from these experiences?
2. Discuss some ways your group can help anchor each other in this upcoming week with the three practices mentioned above.