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“The Other 167 Hours: It’s Not About You”

Romans 15.13

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Gather

· Take a moment to check in with everyone’s heart. Since your last meeting, where have you seen God this past week? Specifically, In your own story, or in someone else’s?

Plant

· This past Sunday, we kicked off a new series in Harvest called, The Other 167 Hours. It’s really a series about moving our faith from the one hour “fill up” we get on Sunday during worship, and allowing God to take the remaining 167 hours the rest of the week and take us deeper in our faith. Question. In today’s day and culture, is that even possible? What keeps us from living into that kind of faith.

· Read Romans 15:13. If possible, have someone read the same verse from two or three different translations.

· What strikes you about this passage? What does it say to you? Also, discuss this: what does it mean to live a Christian life out of the overflow of our hearts?

Grow

· Let’s look at overflow from a water perspective. What best describes your relationship with God: a) dying of thirst, b) Man overboard, c) Treading water, d) Overflowing, e) Waterlogged, f) Smooth sailing

· Someone read Ezekiel 47:1-6

· Here, Ezekiel has a vision. Water flows from the temple and he walks through several stages of the river flowing from the temple of God: ankle deep to knee deep, knee deep to waist deep, and waist deep to “all in” deep. Mark referenced the following points in Ezekiel’s vision:

<p>Ankle Deep (Ezekiel 47:3)</p>	<p><i>Feet of Obedience</i> Living a life where we’re obedient to God’s call and direction in our lives.</p>
<p>Knee Deep (Ezekiel 47:4a)</p>	<p><i>Knees of Prayer</i> Recognizing the power of prayer in our lives. Making prayer a commitment.</p>
<p>Waist Deep (Ezekiel 47:4b)</p>	<p><i>Spiritual Strength</i> Through obedience and prayer, moving forward with the strength (and power) of the Holy Spirit working within you.</p>

Swimming (Ezekiel 47:5)	<i>All In Faith</i> Dying to self and letting God have total control
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· Where are you in the river?

Harvest

· As we conclude our time together, what steps can you take to go deeper in your faith this week? How can the group encourage you personally?

Close sharing prayer concerns with one another.