Community of Differences

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Look

Sometimes we do something so many times that we take it for granted. It could be something complex like driving, or as simple as saying "Hi". It could be something concrete like writing our names, or more abstract like listening to a favorite song. These things become so familiar that their deeper meaning can easily be forgotten.

1. What is something that you do practically every day that you don't stop to think about? Take a moment to really describe it.

2. How is this activity made wholly unique in your doing it?

3. Even if this is something that virtually everyone does, how does it define something special about you?

Book
Read SLOWLY: Psalm 23

This Psalm, ascribed to David, is perhaps the most ubiquitously known Psalm among Christians. Undoubtedly you've heard it at least once, but many have never discussed it in a group. Like prayers and creeds, it has become almost more of an act of speaking than a focus for intro-spection.

1. What provides comfort to you personally in this Psalm, and why does it speak you?

2. What part seems to challenge you, and why does it strike you so?

3. What makes your experience of this Psalm unique from the others around you?

Took

One mystery of the Gospel is how it speaks to each person wherever they are at. Psalm 23 is a prime example of this. It's a blessed reminder of how we are each called to reach our neighbor in fellowship and meet them wherever they might be in their faith journey.

1. Why is important to approach each person where they are at rather than try to direct them down your own path?

2. In what ways can our differences make us a stronger community?

3. Who is someone you know well that you can practice doing a better job of meeting them where they are at this week?