

## WEEK 1 | INTRODUCTIONS

SCRIPTURE FOCUS | 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

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### SCRIPTURE CONNECTION

This scripture isn't part of our sermon series, but welcomes us into Lent with the invitation that we consider how we're seeing "dimly," and how we might grow in knowing, and being more fully known. Pray over this text as you read it. In what ways do you withhold yourself from being fully known by God?

The Lenten journey is one where we ultimately try to go deeper - into greater connection with ourselves, the world around us, and God. There are many ways to do this. For this year, we're using the theme of "resistance," inviting ourselves to consider what forces we need to resist, in order that we can live more deeply and freely into the connections God desires for us.

### FOR REFLECTION/CONVERSATION

Page 16: "Our inner work is connected to our outer work, so resistance requires great care for ourselves to feel connected and whole."

- How have you found this to be true? In what ways are you caring for yourself here and now?

Page 17: "Activism and resistance are not fads; they are lifelong embodiments, a lot like decolonization, which is about reclaiming and proclaiming belovedness alongside those who have been abandoned and dismissed by empire."

- This understanding of resistance is a bit different than how it's most commonly used in our culture. What would your own definition of resistance be? How does it align with this, or not? How does any definition align with your understanding of following Christ?

Page 13: "It's true that many of us are awakened out of a kind of deep sleep to our need to seek wholeness in the world."

- In what ways is this true for you? When in your life have you experienced an "awakening?"

Before you read on, what are you most wanting to discover here? What are you looking forward to as you engage this season? What are you worried or uncomfortable about?