

## **Big Questions/Big Answers**

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- Open in prayer.
- As you listened to their story, who did you relate to the most and why?
  (Christopher-son, Angela-mom, Leon-dad)
- Read Galatians 2:20
  When you read this verse, what does it mean to you that it's no longer you living your life but its Christ living in you?
- When Leon said, "What she (Angela, his wife) has isn't religion, but an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ," what did he mean?
- When Christopher was living a gay lifestyle and was taking drugs and dealing drugs, his parents:

Decided not to focus on the hopelessness but on the faithfulness of God.

Consistently prayed and fasted for themselves and for their son.

Prayed they would be living monuments of grace.

Chose to "be still and know that I am God". (Psalm 46:10)

Discuss each thing they did.

What can we learn from them as we face our own challenges in life? What did Angela mean when she said, "As they prayed for Christopher to change, God was transforming them and making them trophies of God's mercy"?

Read Romans 2:4.

What does this verse tell us regarding sharing God's overwhelming love and grace with other people?

- Angela began writing her blessings on the adding machine tape.
  How does counting our blessings change the way we look at struggles and challenges in our lives?
- Read Jeremiah 29:11
  How did this verse encourage Christopher and how does it encourage you?

• Discuss the following statements:

Unconditional love is not the same thing as unconditional approval of wrong behavior.

My identity isn't defined solely by my sexuality—whether homosexuality or heterosexuality—my identity is in Jesus Christ alone.

Don't focus on your struggles, focus on His holiness.

Change isn't the absence of struggle, but it's the freedom to choose holiness in the midst of our struggles.

Close in prayer.