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_____ _____ was not designed to be _____.

God put _____ people next to _____ people (including _____)
- not so they would be _____ with one another
- but so they would function as _____ of _____ in the lives of one another.

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_____ about horizontal _____ is a _____ against the one who lords over these _____.

A life of quiet or not-so-quiet _____ _____ _____ at your _____ in the wisdom, goodness, and faithfulness of God.

It's hard to willingly and joyfully _____ a _____ you don't _____
- no matter what your _____ _____ tells you about his goodness, faithfulness, and love.

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To _____ for Jesus is to _____ and _____.

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Church life was not designed to be comfortable.

God put broken people next to broken people (including leaders)
- not so they would be comfortable with one another
- but so they would function as agents of transformation in the lives of one another.

Philippians 2:14-16

Grumbling about horizontal difficulty is a complaint against the one who lords over these difficulties.

A life of quiet or not-so-quiet complaint hammers away at your confidence in the wisdom, goodness, and faithfulness of God.

It's hard to willingly and joyfully serve a master you don't trust
- no matter what your formal theology tells you about his goodness, faithfulness, and love.

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To sacrifice for Jesus is to feast and celebrate.

Questions for Small Group Discussions:

(note - the goal is not to answer all of the questions. Pick the questions that are most helpful to your group)

1. Read through the passage together and think through the sermon. What do you remember standing out to you the most?

2. Does the statement “Church life was not designed to be comfortable” seem odd to you? What does it mean? In what ways have we conditioned people to think that church life is supposed to be comfortable?

3. Can you recall a time of true spiritual growth in your life that came from persevering in difficult relationships or situations within the church?

4. In what other ways has commitment to the body of Christ helped you work out the salvation you’ve been given?

5. Discuss “Grumbling about horizontal difficulty is at once a complaint against the one who lords over these difficulties.” What does it do to your conscience to consider that your complaint about earthly things manifests a complaint against God?”

6. Did you grow up in an environment of criticism and complaint? What was it like? How have you been able to grow to more reflect Jesus in your attitudes and words?

7. Do you agree that a life of complaint hammers at one’s confidence in God? How have you seen this play out in your life or others around you?

8. Recall what the purpose of a drink offering was. How is it different than the animal sacrifices?

9. The closing point was “to sacrifice to Jesus is to feast and celebrate.” Describe a time when you’ve experienced sacrifice as a time of joy and celebration of your faith.

10. What does God want you to do with what you’ve learned and heard?