

Challenge Accepted - Discussion Questions "In & Around" // Joel Thomas

- 1. What is your process for seeking wisdom during a trying time? After hearing this message, is there anything you'd like to do differently moving forward?
- 2. Joel shared the statement "Emotions are good indicators but terrible dictators." Have you ever looked back at a situation and realized that your feelings distorted your view of reality? What did it take for you to finally see clearly?
- 3. How did Joel define "true" or "pure" wisdom? How do we find that wisdom and put it to work in our lives?
- 4. What is the relationship between peace and getting what you want? (Hint: Look at James Chapter 4.)
- 5. Rather than asking God to fix, provide, or remove something *around* you, have you ever asked him what needs to change *in* you? What was the result?
- 6. Joel commented that "we often remain the same until the pain of remaining the same is greater than the pain of change." How have you seen that play out in your life or the life of someone around you?

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