

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE JESUS FILTER: WEEK 7

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What comes to mind when you hear the word 'vulnerable'? Does it have a positive or negative connotation in your mind? Why? How do you think most people view vulnerability? What are some obstacles/mindsets in our culture that keep us from practicing vulnerability?

Read Mark 14:32-40. What did Jesus ask His disciples to do for Him on the night before His crucifixion? How did they fall completely short in this moment? What request did Jesus make of the Father in His prayer? What does this show us about how vulnerable we can be in the things we ask God for?

What does the Christmas season teach us about Jesus' vulnerability? How are these same lessons mirrored in the accounts of Easter? In what ways did Jesus make Himself vulnerable for us? What does this show us about the ways we should be vulnerable in our relationship with Him (and with His people)?

How does vulnerability deepen relationships? What happens when a group of people are willing to take off their masks and be real with one another? Has there ever been a time in your life when you have seen the power of vulnerability in drawing a community together? What was that like? How did it change the community?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:6-10. How did Paul pray for his "thorn in the flesh" to be taken away? Why did God allow it to continue? How is God's power shown through our moments of weakness and difficulty? Is it easier for you to handle times of adversity if you know God is using them for His glory? Why or why not?

Close your time together by sharing prayer requests. What are some of those areas of weakness or pain that you would have your Group pray for? As you pray, ask God to work for your good and for His glory. Pray for each other, that your lives would mirror the prayer Jesus prayed in the Garden: "Not my will, but yours be done."