

# DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

## **“Celebration Weekend”**

Bob Goff, Guest Speaker

October 28/29, 2017

*This weekend, we celebrated Friends Church’s 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary by welcoming guest speaker Bob Goff. Bob is the New York Times Best-Selling Author of Love Does, as well as an attorney who founded Restore International, a nonprofit human rights organization operating in Uganda, India and Somalia. Bob is a sought after speaker for leadership, church and university events, encouraging current and future influencers to get to the “action” part of loving others.*

*Our questions this week are generally based on Bob’s message. We encourage all groups to re-watch Bob’s message at the beginning of your time together. You can access it at <http://friends.church/yorbalinda/messages/>. There is no Leader’s Guide for this weekend’s message.*

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### Discovery Questions

*Please feel free to answer as many as you like and in whatever order you would like.*

- 1. What was your reaction to Bob’s message? Was there anything that...**
  - a. Especially stood out to you?
  - b. You especially liked?
  - c. You disagreed with? (Why?)
  - d. Impacted you to live or think differently? If so, what was it?
  
- 2. The theme of Bob’s life is caught up in the title of his bestselling book *Love Does*. Love, Bob says, is always reflected in action.**
  - a. Who is an example of a “love does” sort of person? Who in your life shows their love by how they act towards others? What impression has that made on you?
  - b. What makes it hard to love others with our actions? What stands in the way of all of us doing it on a more regular basis?
  
- 3. In his book *Love Does*, Bob talks about the importance of being “authentic” to those around us, not caring what other people think. As we saw this weekend, Bob obviously doesn’t worry about what other people think about him!**
  - a. Everyone has a sneaking suspicion that they’re a little bit weird—a little bit atypical. How do you react to those suspicions in yourself? What are some of the quirks God gave you?
  - b. What are the pros and cons of always being authentic? How do you know if something’s coming from a genuine place, or one of conformity?
  - c. Who is someone you’ve witnessed being 100 percent themselves? How could you see them being themselves and following God at the same time? How did that affect those around them?

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4. Another theme of Bob's life is the idea of being present. Bob writes, "Life is like a sweepstakes, where you must be present to win." Read Mark 5:21-43. In this story, Jesus is confronted by Jairus, a man who asked Jesus to heal his sick daughter. As he goes to her house, a sick woman touches Jesus and is healed by him. Jesus takes time to interact with this woman, and during their interaction Jairus' daughter dies. Yet Jesus continues on, accompanying Jairus to his house where he ultimately heals the daughter.

- a. How does Jesus display *presence* in this chapter?
- b. (You can take this question together with part "c.") If you were Jairus, how would you have felt observing Jesus being present with this woman, knowing your daughter lay dying, ready to pass at any moment? If you were this woman, how would you feel about the attention Jesus showed you?
- c. What is the "cost" to being truly "present" at any moment? What is gained by it?
- d. Who do you need to practice "presence" with this week? Who needs your full, undivided attention? What would get in the way of providing that to someone, and how can you overcome that?

5. Another characteristic of Bob we saw this weekend was that Bob is a great *encourager* of God's people. This is exactly what the Bible tells us all to do: "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

- a. Who in your life is a great encourager? How has their example impacted you?
- b. Would you consider yourself a good encourager? Why or why not?
- c. Is there someone in your life that needs to be encouraged? Who? How can you encourage them this week?

6. As you close, pray for one another. Pray especially that Friends Church would be a church of love, and that everything we do we would point back to Jesus Christ.