

-Reflection Questions-

Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber, and the book of Jonah

1. Can you think of a time when God used you to get something beautiful done even while you were at your worst?
2. How do you participate in your faith community? Do you feel passive or active in your role? What would make you free to engage more? If you are not currently part of a faith community, what would authentic life-giving community look like to you?
3. Do you get angry when God seems to bless people that you don't like? Can you think of a time when you experienced this kind of resentful anger. On the other hand, can you think of a time when you felt righteous or "Godly" anger?
4. Matthew 25 shows us that Jesus is present in the action of needs being met, rather than in the givers or receivers themselves. Do you usually identify more as the giver or the receiver? If you tend to resist receiving help (from God or others), how can you allow yourself to experience this side of grace? If you don't often have opportunities to extend care to others, how might you go about it?
5. Do you have a Jonah story? Share a time when you ran in the opposite direction from where God was calling you.
6. Dawn shared that *not swearing* at one point in her life became an unhealthy source of pride for her. Do you have any religious behaviors that have become a source of snobbishness and pride?
7. On the continuum of formal liturgical service to totally spirit led service, where is your happy place and why?
8. What role does humor have in your spiritual life? Do you want to change this?