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Message: "I Need You"

1. Tell about a time someone “showed up” for you in a time of need. What did that mean to you?

2. How did Jesus' receiving from the woman in Luke 7 make it a more beautiful day in her neighbourhood?
3. The woman offered Jesus a valuable resource of hers. How would the story have been different had Jesus refused her gift or service or act as if he didn't need it?
4. Are you good at allowing others to care for you?
5. We build authentic community with others when we bring ourselves, just as we are. What might stop you from sharing your "work-in-progress" self, and how might you overcome that reluctance?
6. William Sloan Coffin said, "Many of us overvalue autonomy, the strength to stand alone, the capacity to act independently. Far too few of us pay attention to the virtues of dependence and interdependence, and especially to the capacity to be vulnerable." Discuss these polarities. Where do you stand?
7. How might practicing gratitude help us learn to receive?

8. “The art of receiving is not complicated. It comes down to being aware of our own needs. It’s about opening our eyes, then being vulnerable enough to ask and receive” (“Art of Neighboring,” p.128). What current needs do you have that other people could potentially meet? How can you effectively make your needs known without a demanding or entitled spirit?

