between
you and me,
too relaxed
with the nature
of my love for you,
too able to

my need for your

grace.

minimize

In the recesses of my private world, there is so much that is wrong that I am able to convince myself

is right.

There are attitudes that should not be kept.

There are words

that should not be spoken.

There are thoughts that do not agree with your view

of me and mine.

There are desires that take me in a different direction

than what you have planned

for me.

I make decisions based more on what

I want

that on what

you will.

So I am hoping

for

wise eyes that are able to see through the cloud of

self-righteousness and see myself as I actually am. I am praying for wise ears that are able to hear through

the background noise of well-used platitudes and hear myself with clarity. And I am longing

for

a humble spirit that is willing

to accept and confess

what you reveal

as you break through

my defenses and show me

to me.
I am hoping

for

a broken heart.

Connect:

Choose one or more of the following scriptures to read together. How is reading these scriptures the same or different from reading the poem? How is God reflected differently or similarly?

Galatians 6:1-6

Respond:

Take time together to think about how you have encountered God in community, the words of others, and in scripture. Consider the following questions or activities to conclude your time together.

In what areas of your life do you feel like you've got it together? In what areas of your life do you feel like you fall short?

How do you evaluate your spiritual life?

Do you have people in your life who hold you accountable? Who are they, why do they get to do that?

Prayer:

Close your time in prayer for each other. Consider asking each person to write down their prayer requests on a 3x5 card and switch them with someone else in the group. Pray for each other throughout the week.

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