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Episode 2: Kelly

Discussion Guide

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Episode 2: Kelly introduces us to our first featured guest, Kelly Lin Dickinson. Kelly was raised in a strict Adventist home before going to college and exploring new boundaries. Eventually she came back to the Church with renewed purpose, leading her to questions on calling and belonging as a woman in the Adventist Church.

STARTER Prior to listening to Episode 2, reflect on your understanding of a person's "calling." How would you define it? Do we choose our calling, or does it choose us?

Question 1 Kelly's favorite word to describe her upbringing is "sheltered." [8:33] Do you see this as a positive or negative descriptor? How "sheltered" should children be?

Question 2 Kelly openly talks about her experience with drinking and says that alcohol "brings people together." [9:30] Historically, the Adventist Church has firmly prohibited members from consuming alcohol. Do you agree with this stance?

Question 3 At 21:44, Kelly states that she is "much more progressive and gracious towards other people's lives than I am to my own." Pastor Aren then asks her if that is a healthy perspective. How would you answer that question?

BONUS Much of Kelly's story is impacted by the Adventist Church's position towards women serving in pastoral ministry. How has this issue impacted your life, either directly or indirectly? What would be your advice to the Church on this topic?

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