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1. Have you ever thought of the gospel as something God has entrusted to you? What are some implications of those ideas?
2. In what specific way are you making disciples as a minister of the gospel?
3. How would you define flattery? When are you prone to flatter others? How does this detract from your ability to minister the gospel?
4. For what things are you prone to want people to recognize you and praise you? How have you seen this detract from your ability to minister the gospel?
5. Where do you need to demonstrate more gentleness in your life and ministry?
6. Ministering the gospel means not just sharing the gospel, but our lives. It's not possible to share 100% of our lives with every person to whom we minister. How do you determine how much and what part of your life you share with different people to whom God invites you to minister?
7. In what area of the Christian life are you best able to help people grow to maturity? How has God used this?

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