Look Beneath the Surface

* What are some of the implications of humans being like icebergs, 90% unseen? What does that tell you about the people around you?
* What 90% does God know about us that no one else knows- and even we don’t know about ourselves?
* Joseph’s openness got him into trouble with his brothers, but saved him later (Gen 37). What is there to learn from that?
* David’s guile in keeping secrets (that he was anointed king as a boy 1 Sam 16) kept him alive, but also got him into trouble (the priests of Nob 1 Sam 22, the pregnancy of Bathsheba 2 Sam 11-12). Discuss the balance between the wisdom of being careful and the faith of opening up.
* What are the benefits to you and the kingdom of opening up more?
* What is the difference between self-absorbed introspection and healthy self-awareness? Where are the dividing lines between?
* What is the difference between saying ‘I don’t know’ about something that is unknowable and something we have not bothered to investigate or learn.
* Jesus communicated a full range of emotional expression: anger (Jn 2:13-17), mourning (Jn 11:33-35), sorrow (Mt 26:37), joy (Jn 15:11), astonishment (Lk 7:9), compassion (Mt 9:36). Why should we be ‘out there’ with our feeling more than we are?