

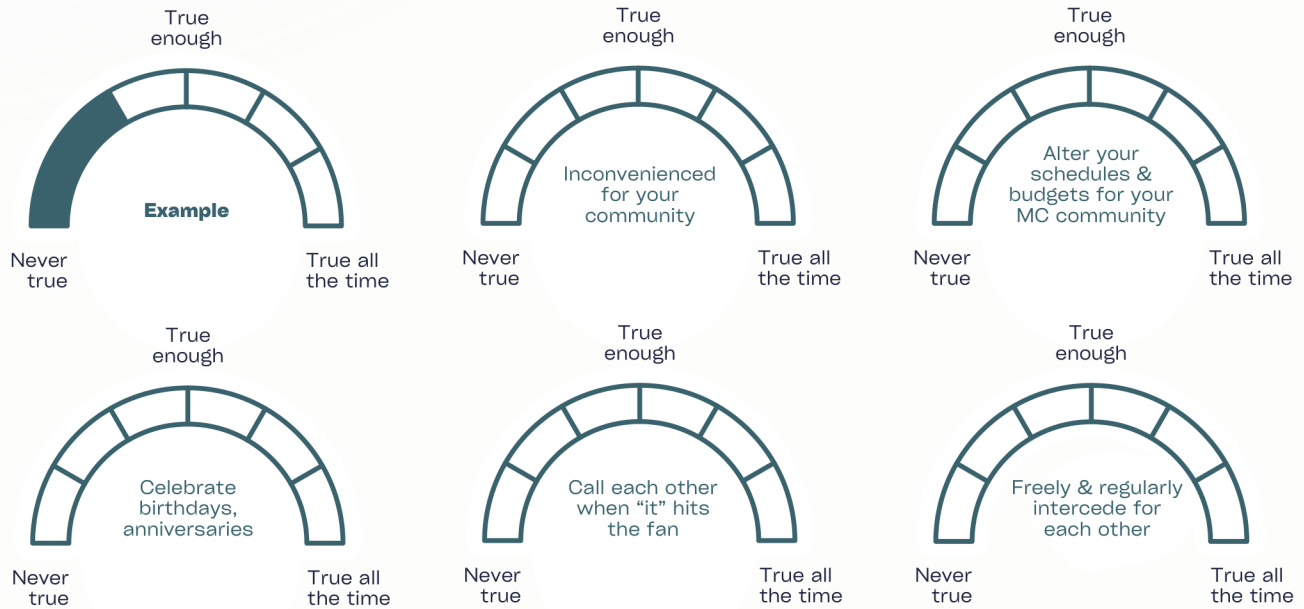
# Suffering Community

a microchurch that is bonded together in sharing the sufferings of Jesus

## PHILIPPIANS 3 DIAGNOSTIC

**7** But whatever were gains to me now consider loss for the sake of Christ. **8** What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. **10** I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **11** and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

- What gains has your community lost for the sake of Christ?
- How has your microchurch participated (or fellowshiped) in Christ's sufferings?
- What is your community holding on to or what discomfort is it avoiding which creates a barrier between Jesus and each other?



Your lowest score is the threshold of your suffering community. You can only go as deep or persevere in your promises to each other to the level of your most shallow commitment. This isn't always bad as some communities are young but it is important to pay attention to as you seek to mature together.

### CONFLICT CULTURE

Holding each other to promises we make to Jesus and each other



### RISK CULTURE

Trying and failing at new ideas, ministry and mission which leads us to needing more grace



### COMMITMENT CULTURE

Making promises to Jesus and each other that cause us to die to ourselves



