

**United Church of Marco Island August 21<sup>st</sup> Book Discussion 10AM**

*The Unlikely Disciple* by Kevin Roose

**General Questions:**

- 1. Who is Kevin Roose, what was his background at Brown University, and what did he set out to do?**
- 2. In what ways was Roose critical about Liberty University and its students?**
- 3. What positive surprises did Roose learn about Liberty University and its students?**
- 4. Did Roose face any ethical dilemmas in being a fair researcher? If so, what were they?**
- 5. How can this book be helpful for both Christians and non-Christians?**
- 6. Why do you think the epigraph Hebrews 13:2—“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it”—was placed at the beginning of the book?**

**Christian Themes:**

- 7. Faith: Describe Roose’s faith. Roose’s faith was not necessarily in the God of the Bible. Yet Kevin went to church, Christian classes, and prayed.**
- 8. Stereotypes: Roose labels himself as a secular, liberal Democrat from a left-leaning Ivy League University. Falwell too has been labeled at a conservative, fundamentalist, and even racist Christian. The book attempts to move us beyond stereotypes. How?**

**9. Friendship: Roose made many unexpected friends in his time at Liberty.**

**What does this book teach about friendship?**

**10. Listening: One key theme of the book seems to be about listening to perspectives different from our own. Roose came to Liberty as an outsider pretending to be an insider and leaves feeling as if he has forever been affected, saying that while religious conflict might be inevitable, “I have faith...that we can subvert that instinct for long enough to listen to each other.” Explain.**

**Million Dollar Question:**

**11. Did Roose have a conversion experience at Liberty? What did he mean by the “residue of the fish symbol on his car?” (310)**