



Lifegroups | Week 1 | Fall 2018

ICEBREAKER

Before we get into our discussion, let's have some fun! Go around and play "Two Truths and a Fib". One by one, say 2 things that are true and one that is not and have the other group members try to guess the truth and the fib.

OPEN IN PRAYER AND PLAY VIDEO

MESSAGE SUMMARY

Treasure is always hidden and the only ones that find it are the ones that go hunting for it. On purpose, God will package treasure in people that you don't like to dig through the dirt and find the blessing. No matter who it is, no matter how hard it might be, honor those around you and find the treasure that God has placed in each and every person. And when you find that treasure you can access the blessing.

SCRIPTURE *(do not read until prompted in the discussion questions)*

Matthew 13:44 | Exodus 32:1-5

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Honor is the seed for access. When we access the honor code we can find the treasure that is hidden in everybody. Matthew 13:44 says, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." **Go around and ask: what are the treasures that are inside of you?** *(ex. Singing, cooking, fishing etc.)*

- Sometimes God shows up in different personas to answer our prayers. Even the Jews didn't recognize their own Messiah. Jesus was fully God and fully man

and when the people saw God in him, they were able to access his healing, his miracles and forgiveness. **Has there been a time when God used someone to answer your prayer?** (ex. *Stranger paying for your coffee or getting a raise*)

- Read Exodus 32:1-5. Moses was an honorable man, but we read in this passage that his son Aaron was weak. When the people wanted a god to worship, instead of waiting to hear from God, they made their golden calf. There have been times in our lives when we stopped waiting on God and took matters into our hands. **When you stopped waiting on God and took matters into your own hands, how did it turn out? What would you do differently?** (ex. *Dating the wrong person or taking the wrong job*)

- In the book of Numbers, God is calling Moses to have Aaron and his sons go out and bless the people of Israel. We saw earlier that Aaron led the people of Israel to idolatry and disrespect, yet God called them to give a priestly blessing. When we are betrayed we don't want those people around us anymore. Not only do we stop honoring them, we stop including them in our daily lives. **What are some ways to honor those that have hurt us? How can we start the forgiving process?**

CONCLUSION

Honor is not only reserved for certain people, but should be given to all people. When we disrespect others we cannot access the treasures that God has placed inside of them. We honor all people because that person might be the answered prayer we've been waiting for.

OUR CHALLENGE

Our flesh tells us not to honor those that have hurt us or betrayed us. God tells us to honor EVERYONE, no matter what. If God still honors us even though we constantly sin against him, how much more can we honor others? Take this week and honor those around you, *especially* the ones you don't like. You will begin to see healing and breakthrough through the honor code.

