



Lifegroups I Week 3 | Fall 2018

ICEBREAKER

Let's keep trying to get to know one another! Take a little time and try to find 5 things you all have in common (*being human doesn't count!*).

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

It's easy to receive the message and miracle from a leader, someone you look up to. However, since God comes to us through people are we able to receive him through those that are either on the same level or below us? God uses all people, from all walks of life, be ready to receive those that God sends because only then will we receive the blessing.

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

Luke 13:34-35 | Matthew 10:40-42

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- God uses all types of people, but however we receive people is how we perceive them. Read Luke 13:34-35. In the old covenant, God had sent numerous people to his people but they killed them because they didn't look the part. And in the new covenant God is saying he will not send anyone else until we bless him or her. **Has someone unexpected come into your life as an answered prayer? How did you receive them?** (*ex. A stranger paying for your coffee*)

- Matthew 10:40-41 says, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward." Every person who is born again is righteous. God uses those that are on our same level to bless us, but are we ready to hear from someone we think is "beneath us"? **Would you receive a word from someone you don't respect?**

- We hold adults and children on different scales but the Lord tells us in Matthew 10: 42, "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." There are people that look at children as too young to know certain things, too immature to be used by God or have no authority. But God is clearly telling us that they have a reward from God to give to all of us. **How can you hold children to a higher regard concerning the blessings of God? How can you help children find the gift that God has put in them?** (ex. Parents can pray with them or serve in the kids/youth ministry)

- We put very high standards on our pastors and leaders; higher than what we even put on ourselves. But when we honor our pastors and leaders, it's not only honoring their gift but it's honoring the dirt as well. If you want the pastors blessing you have to honor the human side of a pastor as well. **What standards do you hold for your pastor? Do you hold yourself to the same standard? Why or why not?** (ex. They have to stop what they are doing and pray for me and if they don't then I'll leave the church)

CONCLUSION

Our honor standards should be the same for all types of people from children to adults. When God uses people its those we don't expect that give us a blessing and miracle. Be ready for God to open the doors for different people to speak miracles and blessings in your life. Don't shut the door because it's not a pastor or leader but keep your spirit open to the unexpected.

OUR CHALLENGE

This week make it a point to keep your ears and heart open to receive the blessings from the unexpected. Don't just say "thank you" and be on your way, stay humble and allow those around you to pray with you and for you because you never know what God has wrapped in a common thing!