



Lifegroups | Week 4 | Fall 2018

ICEBREAKER

Let's start the Lifegroup with some encouragement! Have everyone in the group call out a 'win' from this past week. Nothing is too big or too small. (ex. *Getting an unexpected discount at the store*)

OPEN IN PRAYER AND PLAY VIDEO

MESSAGE SUMMARY

How we regard each other can be the key to unlock supernatural miracles and wonders. We should regard one another the way we do Christ because we are his people. If you have a high regard for Jesus, then you should have a high regard for others. And when you honor one another in such a way, no matter who they are, the keys of the kingdom will be given to you.

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

Luke 10:40-42 | 2 Corinthians 5:16

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Everything that is valuable is hidden. You have to hunt to uncover things. Jesus spoke in parables to the people because he wanted them to seek the kingdom. He wanted to see who would be the ones that were serious about receiving the kingdom. The quiet ones never get the miracles its always the ones that step outside the box in their Christianity. **What are some ways to step outside the box in your faith?** (ex. *Invite people to church, have an echo moment in your group - take a selfie and on social media put #myredemption*)
- Luke 10:40-42 says, *"But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do*

the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”⁴¹ “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things,⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” We get so caught up in the everyday duties that we sometimes miss when God is calling us to him. Martha was so worried about housework that she missed the Messiah and only saw him as a man. Mary saw the Messiah and her blessing could not be taken away. ***Have you ever been so distracted with everyday things that you missed out on God? How can you make sure that doesn't happen again? (ex. Ask yourself, can this wait?)***

- Regarding Jesus on a high level is usually easy because he was perfect and lived a life worthy of respect and honor. 2 Corinthians 5:16 says, ***“So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.”*** Regarding people on a high level is when it gets challenging because some people don't know about the honor code. However if we regard EVERYONE as the temple of the Holy Spirit walking towards me then we can begin to unlock the honor code. ***As a group, come up with 5 tangible ways together to begin to have a higher regard for others. (ex. Instead of ignoring someone, make it a point to go and shake his or her hand)***

- We are Gods people, created in his image. Therefore, if I say or do something bad to someone I am doing that same thing to God. When Saul wanted to throw Christians in jail God said, ***“Saul why are you persecuting ME?”*** Being Gods people means having God in us, so if you hurt one of Gods people then you are ultimately hurting HIM. ***Close your eyes and think of the person you hold on a lower regard and see Jesus in them. If they hurt you, say out loud, “I forgive you and from this point forward I will see the Jesus in you.” And this week do just that.***

CONCLUSION

To regard someone you have to get to know him or her. You know Jesus as man and deity but do you know those around you as man and God in them? Don't just look at the flesh but hunt for the treasure that lies in them because God wants you to unlock the blessing.

OUR CHALLENGE

Now that we know that God is in everyone we should treat everyone in that way. Take this week and every time you encounter someone ask yourself, ***“How would Jesus treat this person?”*** And treat them that way.