

Higher Calling Called To Community

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Loneliness is the state of distress or discomfort that results when one perceives a gap between one's desire for social _____ and the actual experience of it.

²⁴ So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. **Mark 5:24-25, NIV**

²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." **Mark 5:26-28, NIV**

The lies we believe about _____ distort our belief about _____.

²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. ³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" ³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. **Mark 5:29-32, NIV**

³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. **Mark 5:33, NIV**

³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." **Mark 5:34, NIV**

Jesus calls us from the _____ to be in _____ with Him. What's holding me back?

³⁴ A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. **John 13:34, NIV**

CrossWalk **notes**

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10:24-25, NIV**

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. **James 5:16, NIV**

Jesus calls us _____ but with the purpose of calling us _____. We are called to share our _____ about being a part of Jesus' _____.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. **1 Peter 2:9, NIV**

We were saved _____ purpose by Jesus _____ a purpose.

MEMORY VERSE

³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." **Mark 5:34, NIV**

My next step: I will remember that I have been saved on purpose by Jesus for a purpose: to be in Christian community with others and tell the story of Jesus' love.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your communication card.

Read: Mark 5:33-34

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What benefits are there in sharing the whole truth with Jesus? (Consider Jesus’ reply to this woman in verse 34.)

Agree or disagree: Jesus wants me to be genuine with everyone, but completely transparent only with those I trust.

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How do these descriptions of what we are in Jesus’ community help you?

Who needs to hear from you that they are “God’s special possession”? How will you tell them?

Prayer:

In the prayer section we encourage you to take about 10 minutes to pray as a group. Include the issues of prayer and praise. Appoint someone to be the secretary of your group and write down any prayer requests. Consider sending out a list of prayers during the week.

Connect:

Spend the final 10 to 15 minutes of group catching up with other group members. Take time to get to know those you don’t know quite as well. Make sure to include everyone in the group.

Go the Church Center app for more information on:

- Bible Reading plans (from 3 days to a whole year)
- Laveen Parade
- Check out CrossWalk on Facebook and Instagram

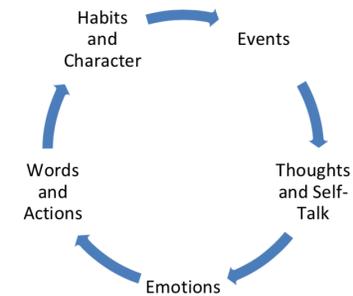
Impact Group Questions

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Getting Started – Share two things you really enjoy about being in this group.

Going Back to Sunday

Each week we will begin with the same question, **“What about the message from Sunday had the most meaning or made the biggest impact on you?”** Take time to answer this question as you listen to each message. Bring your message notes to class each week to help you remember.



What event(s) have happened to you that have made you lonely? What is your self-talk during that time? How have Jesus’ words and promises helped?

Refresh Your Memory: Read Mark 5:27-28

²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” **Mark 5:27-28, NIV**

(Each person answer 1 of these 2 questions)

What lie or lies do you think this woman was telling herself when she approached Jesus?

How did the lies she believed distort her view of Jesus?