

BIG IDEA

Nobody thinks more of you than Jesus.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Describe the last time you felt trapped. What ideas or fears were going through your mind?

Read Mark 5:5. How have you seen people deal with their pain? How do you react when people express their pain in strange ways? Do your actions match those of Jesus? Why or why not?

Often times when faced with difficult people that are in pain we walk away or turn our eyes to something else. Instead of avoiding those people we should walk towards them and offer love and support.

How have you let the past or the words of someone else define you?

Read Luke 8:26-30. What is significant about Jesus asking for the man's name? What does it mean to you when someone calls you by name?

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

Who are the people in our culture that we tend to isolate? Why?

Examples of those we isolate include: LGBT individuals, the homeless, people of different religions, mentally ill, physically deformed etc. Often times we isolate simply because we don't understand or we fear what is different than what we already know and understand.

What would happen if we, like Jesus, began to recognize the humanity in those that are marginalized and isolated by our culture? Are there practical steps your Life Group can take to make this happen?

Take an opportunity and brainstorm ideas for reaching out to those that we isolate. For example, your next serving day together you could serve breakfast to the homeless.

Read Luke 8:34-35. Has Jesus made such a significant change in your life that people who know you can see it? How can you tell?

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?



LIFE GROUPS

LEADER GUIDE

Break into group- men with men and women with women. Take time to answer these 3 questions:

Take time to explain that it is often easier to talk about difficult things in smaller circles and encourage everyone to take time and be honest with one another.

1. In what areas of your life are you being tormented with something evil?
2. To what solitary places have your struggles driven you to?
3. In what ways have you forgotten who you really are?

End your group time by praying for the specific issues that came up in your conversation.

Before the night is over, make sure to remind your group members to register for the LG Kickoff Event this month at your campus.

This event is for everyone involved in the Life Group Ministry- leaders, coaches and group attendees! We want everyone that participates in a Life Group to be at this event as we talk about some new exciting stuff coming to the Life Group Ministry this Fall. We're calling this event **More Than** because- bottom line- we want to offer more. More options. More groups. More chances for us to grow in our relationship with Christ.

See you there!

