

SMALL GROUP Q'S

3 Questions and 1 Answer

November 20, 2016

Luke 5:17-39

- 1.) How do you do with change? Are there kinds of change you like and others that are harder for you?
- 2.) Imagine yourself as the paralytic. What are you thinking, and what are you most excited about as you leave the presence of Jesus carrying the mat that used to carry you? How can tangible blessings from Jesus obscure him in our hearts OR point us back to Jesus himself?
- 3.) Will said about the leper earlier in Luke 5, "When Jesus touches him, Jesus should catch the highly contagious leprosy, but instead the leper catches Jesus' even more contagious purity." Remembering that we are not Jesus ourselves but that we are united to him and do represent him, how should this impact the way we think about relationships with all sorts of people?
- 4.) Do you remember a time in your own life when God used a deep awareness of your sin to motivate you to treasure Jesus the way Levi and his friends seem to? Why is this sometimes difficult for us?
- 5.) As a church, when we gather in groups of any size, do we celebrate Jesus foremost? Do religious people or morally questionable people feel more comfortable with us? Do we worry more about the danger of being corrupted by others or about the hope of seeing others come in contact with our divine Cleansing Agent?
- 6.) What would it look or feel like for your small group to be more welcoming to "sinners"? What would it look or feel like for Southwood to be more welcoming to "sinners"?
- 7.) How would you genuinely feel about #6 or #7 actually happening? What would be hardest for you? What would concern you for your kids?
- 8.) What are some unhealthy ways you naturally relate to God, and what makes you uncomfortable about relating to God as your Father because of the full and free forgiveness of Jesus?
- 9.) Will said, "Jesus will not only take you if you're pushed, pulled, or dragged in ... He comes to find you broken down on the side of the highway!" Does that reality still cause joy and wonder in your heart?



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