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Life is better connected.
with friends
in circles
around a table
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Digging Deeper

Finding Kingdom Connection

Week of June 10, 2018

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read Matthew 9:1-36

Jesus spent his entire life out on the road, meeting people where they were, giving them the healing they needed, and just being with all the broken people who crossed his path. Jesus knew what it really meant to be connected, because he knew that what matters most in this world is people. And so, in our brokenness, we should be doing the same. God designed us to be connected, and there are people in our lives who are looking to have connection with us. Sometimes they might be right in front of us, but other times, just as Jesus showed us, it's the people out in the world that we bump into on the road to wherever we're going. After we own our own brokenness, we need to allow space for others to be broken along with us. Then, through connection, we can find a way to spread the love, joy, and peace of Jesus.

Pray

Lord, in our busyness it's easy to overlook connection all around us. In our rush to get wherever we're going, we don't think that we have the time to slow down enough to build connections. We don't want to live disconnected anymore. We don't want your children living out in the world to never know what it's like to feel love, joy, and peace. God, help us to learn to slow down and meet people wherever they are, so that we, even in our own brokenness, can show the world that there's more to life than living unloved and unseen.

Getting Started

- What was one way that someone showed you how important you are to them in the past week?
- In general, how connected do you feel right now?

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1. Have you taken any time to fully understand and accept your brokenness to Jesus? Can you share with your group what ways you feel broken?
2. Define what you think "being broken" means in the sense that it was discussed this week. How good do you think you are at allowing others to be broken with you?
3. Like Jesus did, we should strive to allow people to operate in their own ways. Do you find yourself saying 'no' more often than you say yes to the circumstances God presents to you? Share a story about saying yes or no when you were presented with an opportunity to connect with someone.
4. In Matthew 9:1-36, we see Jesus heal four different people in four different ways. Why do you think Jesus healed people the way that he did?
5. Why do stories of Jesus healing people translate to how we should be connecting with people?
6. Besides being "busy", what do you find is your biggest barrier keeping you from being more connected? How can you change that?

Living Jesus

If you find yourself struggling with being connected, as many of us do, or if you're wondering what to do to be better at it, then continue to read Matthew and the other three Gospels that focused on Jesus' life. After all, Jesus was the master at connection, and these four books alone are full of inspiration about how to live a connected life and how to lead others into connection. Not only did Jesus show us how to live connected, but he also told us how to live love, joy, and peace. If we can consume more of Jesus, we will exude more of love, joy, and peace. And when we do, connection will be sure to follow.

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