

# Celebrate Life Change      Luke 8

## Getting Started:

- What is one take-away you have from Easter weekend and the week leading up to it?
- This week we celebrate life change. Covid changed all of our lives. What is one way your life changed during the past 12 months?
- You know what doesn't change? Community Group Guidelines. Quickly list them out as a group.

## Read Luke 8:43-48 or use the Bible Storytelling technique:

- What was the physical ailment the woman was dealing with? What would be the implications of this physically and according to the Jewish law?
- Why was Peter confused about the response Jesus gave?
- How did the woman come before Jesus after she had been healed? Why do you think that is?
- Look again at verse 48. What word stands out most to you?

## Moving Forward:

- Talk about a time when you witnessed the life changing power of God in your life or someone around you.
- What keeps us and others from reaching out to Jesus?
- How can we help disciple others toward experiencing life change for themselves?



## **COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDELINES**

### **Confidentiality**

Keeping things that are shared in the group confidential builds trust and shows value to the person. Confidentiality can prevent gossip that only values the story; Jesus always valued the person above their story or their sin.

### **Don't Rescue & Don't Fix**

When someone is sharing something deeply personal and/or painful there can be a tendency to try and make them feel better about themselves or the situation. Often this will cause people to stop sharing and results in their not going as deep as they might have gone. Resist the temptation to rescue people. Try to hear what people are sharing without trying to fix them. If they want your advice, they will ask for it. You may want to take time later to ask if you can offer some advice.

### **No Crosstalk**

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. Don't have side conversations. Trust is built in the moments when everyone feels like they are being listened to and heard by the entire group. Treat others in the group as you would want to be treated.

### **Use Humor Responsibly**

Fun is an essential part of Small Groups; however, when meeting in the Biblical Storytelling time keep sarcastic comments, jokes and laughter to a minimum to allow for an atmosphere of authenticity and vulnerability.

### **Give Everyone a Chance to Share**

Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Encourage everyone to participate in group discussions.

### **Use "I" Statements**

During small group, we want to hear your personal thoughts and perspectives. Using "I" statements to answer discussion questions allows you to speak for yourself rather than generalizing by using terms such as "them", "the church", "us" or "we".

### **Fight for Relationship**

Relationships reaches a whole new level when conflict is resolved in a healthy manner. When conflict or sin issues arise between group members, commit to fight for the relationship and discuss the struggle with the person you are in conflict with or seek wise advice.