

THE MORAL OF THE STORY

- Are you building YOUR kingdom or HIS kingdom?

GET STARTED

- Share a story about something in your life that was a GOOD thing that you later viewed as BAD because of what someone else did or said.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

How deep do you want to take your Group? Choose from these questions to lead your discussion.

1. Take turns reading Exodus 20:8-11-What is the Sabbath and what is its purpose?
2. Take turns reading Luke 13:10-17. Why are the religious leaders upset with Jesus for healing the crippled woman?
3. Why is it ironic for the ruler to suggest coming on a day other than the Sabbath to get healed?
4. How is the gospel distorted by religion? Are there any areas in your life where you are shortsighted by tradition or religious behavior?
5. Read Luke 13:18-21. What did you learn about the kingdom of God from the image of a mustard seed and leaven?
6. What are some ways God might use a person to spread the gospel in a place where there is little Christian influence?
7. What does it look like for us as a Christians to proclaim the Kingdom of God through our lives?
8. What does it look like when a Christian chooses to build their own kingdom instead of God's Kingdom?
9. Do you remember a period of your life when you only worried about building your own kingdom? SHARE What changed your path?
10. What is the danger of becoming CAUSE oriented instead of CHRIST oriented?
11. Ben mentioned that the people rejoiced even if they didn't experience healing. What can you share with the group about what God is doing in your life worth rejoicing?
12. Begin discussing ideas for your groups OUTREACH IDEA for this semester.

FOR FURTHER READING

- Matt 6:33
- Memory verse: James 1:25- "But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."
- Let them know you will challenge them NEXT week to say the verse-have fun with it!