



FACILITATOR'S GUIDE—YOUTH

Year 3—The God Who Pursues Relationship: A Story of God's People

Module 6—Jesus and His Church

Lesson 2: The Life and Ministry of Jesus, the King—Mark 2:1-12; 5:21-34; Luke 4:1-13

ENCOUNTER 1—Community Discussion

Read Mark 2:1-12, 5:21-34 and Luke 4:1-13 together out loud as a group. Encourage each person to journal through the passage using these questions. After allowing sufficient time for reflection, invite the group to share their thoughts.

How is this God's story?

How is this others' story?

How is this my story?

How is this the world's story?

ENCOUNTER 2—Community Discussion

(Read the biblical reflection included with this lesson. The questions are designed for your group to enter into a meaningful dialogue about the Scriptures. The bulleted teaching points are taken from the reflection and correspond to the questions.)

GOD'S STORY

What do the teachings and miracles of Jesus show us?

- Jesus is the express representation of God. The teachings of Jesus, His parables and His miracles give us a window into the heart of God.

What stands out to you about Jesus from the passages you read today?

- As a human, Jesus was obedient, merciful, faithful, righteous, selfless, patient, loving and determined. So, too, is God all of those things. In His divinity, Jesus was eternal, majestic, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, etc. So, God is obviously all of those things also.

OUR STORY

What things do you notice about the four friends in Mark 2?

- The four friends were bold enough to interrupt Jesus' teaching to prove their faith and Jesus' power gave those in attendance a story to tell for a lifetime.

What was Jesus' main focus?

- Jesus focuses on the men's faith and their desire to heal their friend, not on all of the other remembering elements such as the destruction of the roof, the size of the crowd, the distance the men traveled, and so on.

OTHERS' STORY

How do you think the women felt after she left Jesus?

- When this woman left the presence of Jesus, she left in peace with God, peace with self, peace with others and peace with the entire ordered world. She left knowing her sins have been forgiven and she was restored with God.

What had Jesus changed about this woman's life?

- Now, however, this woman was brought back into the everyday ongoing life of a normal citizen.

THE WORLD'S STORY

What does restoration bring to people?

- The experience of restoration fosters missional living.

What happens when God's people engage in His mission?

- Forgiveness
- Compassion
- Acts of mercy and kindness
- Justice
- Evangelism
- Acceptance and tolerance
- Generous giving
- Sacrifice
- Simplicity for the sake of others

PRAYER

(Lead your group in corporate prayer.)

Almighty and most forgiving God, graciously hear unto our prayers, we ask. Free our minds, hearts and bodies from the temptations of sinful thoughts and actions, we ask.

Oh, that we may become a healthy habitation for the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WEEKLY PRACTICE

(Read the weekly practice out loud, and challenge your group to practice missio beyond today.)

Find seven 3x5 cards. On each of the cards, write down one temptation you are dealing with on a regular basis. Perhaps it relates to lusting, lying, stealing, cheating, laziness, and so on. Shuffle the cards each day over the next week and ask yourself how you are doing. If you feel comfortable, bring your 3x5 cards with you to the next gathering and share them with the group.

BECOMING MY STORY

(Encourage the group to spend time this week in God's Word, allowing it to penetrate their heart and life.)

Titus 2:11-14

I Corinthians 10:13

Spend time this week reading and journaling through the above scriptures. Reflect on how the passage is God's story, my story, others' story and the world's story. In the context of Mark 2:1-12, 5:21-34, and Luke 4:1-13, consider the following questions:

How are these Scripture passages related to the message in Mark 2:1-12, 5:21-34, and Luke 4:1-13?

How do these scriptures tell us about the story of God being continued from Mark 2:1-12, 5:21-34, and Luke 4:1-13?

What is God saying to you through these passages?

Consider other passages you might know related to Mark 2:1-12, 5:21-34, and Luke 4:1-13 and read them this week, journaling as you go.