



## Discussion Questions for the week of September 27

**BIG IDEA:** In order to mature, you cannot stay the same. Neither can we stay stagnant in our faith. We must move forward. But we can't do it on our own. The only way to grow spiritually is by focusing and concentrating on God, not on growth itself. Because of God, you can move forward.

In order to grow spiritually, we must recognize that our problem is sin, that we are powerless to remove our own sin, and believe that Jesus died for our sins and has the power to forgive them and heal us. We've got to trust Him enough to move forward towards His healing power.

### **THIS WEEK IS ALL ABOUT SHARING THE GOSPEL, YOUR TESTIMONY, AND INVITATIONS TO CHRIST**

#### **ICE BREAKER:**

What are the things that your parents have tried to help you with that you would rather do on your own?

#### **DISCUSSION:**

1. Look up and read Luke 13:10-13. Can anyone remember from Wake the 6 observations that have been made about the woman in this story?

*A) She had a problem. B) She was powerless to fix herself. C) She mattered to God. D) Jesus saw her. E) Jesus called her. F) Jesus freed her.*

2. We might not be crippled like the woman in the story. But what if we still had a drastic, less obvious problem that needed fixing? Look up and read Romans 3:10-12 and Romans 3:23. What do these verses tell us about the problem that every person faces?

3. What are ways that sin results in a "crippled" or broken life? What evidence is there from your life that you have turned away from God?

4. Do you believe that God is watching your life? Do you believe he notices you in the same way he noticed the crippled woman?

5. Look up and read Psalm 139:1-4. What do these verses tell us about God's knowledge of our daily lives?

6. What evidence is there that your life still matters to God even though you've turned away from Him?

7. Jesus proved God's love for the crippled woman by stopping in the middle of his message and calling her forward and healing her body. Look up and read Romans 5:8. How does Jesus prove God's love for you?

8. Like Jesus called the woman forward, do you believe Jesus would call you to come to Him? Have you ever felt the call of Christ tugging on your heart? Have you ever come to Jesus to have your sins forgiven and your broken life repaired? Describe what happened.

9. I'm going to share with you about the pivotal moment in my life when I listened to God calling me and I came forward to Jesus and trusted Him to forgive my sins.

*Share a short version of your story of trusting Christ*

#### **APPLICATION:**

10. Jesus stopped right in the middle of what he was doing to heal the woman in the story. Does anyone feel like God is calling them to move forward in their relationship with Him by stopping right now and asking for forgiveness for their sins?

*"Dear God, I confess that my problem is sin. I am powerless to remove my own sin. I believe that You died for my sins and have the power to forgive them and heal me. I know you see me. Jesus, I know you're calling me. I will come forward. Jesus, I know you can heal me. I trust you. I believe that my sins are forgiven and I will turn from them and follow you from this day forward. Thank you for healing me. Amen"*

11. If you accepted Jesus for the first time this week, or have known Him for years, I challenge you to share it with someone this week. Our lives are completely changed by Jesus – we have passed from death to life. Go out and tell the world about the life you have in Christ Jesus!

# **ROOTS**

## **Follow Up Questions:**

1. What is a *place* that you have found? What are some things that God has taught you in those places?
2. What is something you learned or encouraged you last week?
3. How did you do this last week? If it has been going well, how have you seen growth or fruit in your life? How can we help make this a priority in your life?

## **Rooted in Scripture**

One of the most valuable spiritual disciplines in the life of a healthy Christian is the regular reading of the Bible. We want to help you consistently spend time with God in His Word. One of the greatest problems in our country, especially in the Church, is Biblical illiteracy – people don't know the Bible. May that not be true of us! May we be rooted in God's Word and ready to give an account for the hope that we have!

For your personal Bible study, you need:

- PLAN:** You may have a desire, but unless you have a plan you will go nowhere. Choose a book of the Bible you want to read (a great place to start is a New Testament book such as John, James, or Philipians). Pick a book and read it all the way through over a few days or weeks. Don't skip around or open to a random verse. If you stick with it, you'll be amazed at what God shows you of Himself and how He loves you. Ask your mom or dad or your leader, and develop a PLAN for being Rooted in Scripture.
- PLACE:** Choose a place free from things that distract you. If possible, read in the same place each time (room, backyard, kitchen table, front porch - wherever you feel you can get alone with the Lord and focus).
- PRIORITY:** Choose a time that works for your schedule, and stick to it! Could be in the morning before school, before you go to bed, right when you get home. Be realistic and have someone hold you accountable.
- PROCESS:** Start your time by praying that God opens your eyes so you can see wonderful things in His law (Psalm 119:18). Read. Underline. Circle. Journal. Write questions. Engage with the passage and let the Lord encourage you and transform you by the renewing of your mind.