



Home Teams
DISCUSSION GUIDE

the
Gift

WHAT WE NEED MOST

December 8 & 9, 2018

The Gift: Week 3

Exchanged Gifts

BIG IDEA:

How to receive the gift we could never attain for ourself.

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. How are gifts exchanged in your family?
2. What do you treasure most about Christmas?

IN THE WORD

1. In [Mark 5:24-26](#), we see a woman suffer for many years that no one could help or heal. What kind of rejection do you think she suffered over the years?
2. Reading [Mark 5:27-33](#) we see this woman reach out and touch Jesus. Why is that important in the story? Is there something we can learn from that act?
3. Jesus insists the woman reveal herself to Him. In fact, even when the disciples try to dissuade him, Jesus wants to know who touched Him. What do you think the reason was for this?
4. Refer to [verse 33](#). Do you think it was important for the woman to acknowledge what she had done?
5. What was Jesus doing in [verse 34](#)? Why was that important?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. What kind of suffering of a friend or family member have you seen in your life?
2. How have you seen God provide healing and new life to people?
3. Share a time when you felt desperate for relief from some suffering you were experiencing. It could be physical, emotional, social, relationally, or even financially suffering.
4. How did God show up in your time of need?
5. In prayer partners, share a way you can bring some hope or affirmation to someone feeling rejected or hurting by sharing Christ's love with them in a tangible way this week.

CONTINUED LEARNING

Read [Psalm 74](#) and [77](#) to experience the heart of pain and abandonment the Psalmist felt. Notice that we find the Psalmist remembering God's mercy, justice, and powerful hand of redemption in order to have the proper perspective on struggles and God's provision.

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