



**FROM THE BIBLE**  
2 Kings 5:10-15 (NLT)  
John 3:3 (NLT)

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## MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE

You Matter | Week 3 | It's Your Birthday!

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1. Joel opened up this message by talking about birthdays. What's your birthday (feel free to leave out the year if you want) and what's the perfect birthday look like for you?
2. In Joel's opening story, he said it's possible to have 2 birthdays. Your *birth* day and your *spiritual birth* day. If you are a Jesus follower, do you remember anything about your *spiritual birth* day. Only share if you feel comfortable.
3. In this series, we're looking at Naaman. So far we know Naaman is the Army Commander for Aram but he has leprosy. After much convincing, he finally got to the right place to be healed, Elisha's house. Read 2 Kings 5:10 and talk about what happened next.
4. In the Bible, the number 7 can represent *completion* and The Jordan River can represent *Jesus*. With that in mind after reading 2 Kings 5:10, discuss 1 way Joel said this verse (2 Kings 5:10) could be broken down which was, *if you want to get healed, you need to completely immerse yourself in Jesus*.
5. Read 2 Kings 5:11. What did Naaman do? Discuss how can our expectations we put on God lead to our disappointments?
6. Read 2 Kings 5:12. What was Naaman's argument and/or alternate solution to going to dip in the Jordan River 7x's (which again, could be read as completely immersing yourself in Jesus)? How did Joel use this verse to talk about other religions versus Jesus?
7. Regarding question #6, discuss this quote from the message, *you can go to the tomb of Buddha, Confucius, & Mohammed today & they're in there. But if you go to the tomb of Jesus, there's a sign that says, 'He is not here, for He has risen'*. What are some ways Christianity is different then other religions?
8. Read 2 Kings 5:13-15. What finally happened in this story? How can you parallel what happened to Naaman in those verses to what happens when we're Born Again? Also, read John 3:3 for Jesus' take on being Born Again.
9. What was your 1 takeaway from this discussion and/or message?