



## Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

5/26/2024

**MESSAGE:** Faith

**WEEK# 3**

**SERIES:** Jesus Story: Healing, Hurts & Heresy

**COMMUNICATOR:** Pastor Caleb Vander Griend

**CHECKIN' IN:** How is your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's Devotional & Discussion?

**THINK, DISCUSS, LIVE:** These questions work well individually or in a group setting to encourage spiritual growth, engage in biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. If you had a three day weekend and could go immediately to that location where would you go and what would you do?
2. What words do you use to describe trusting in someone or something? How does your definition help you to trust in Jesus?
3. What comes to mind when you hear that someone is desperate? What words would you use to describe desperation?
4. Read John 4:46-50 Discuss what is taking place. Who are the people in the story? What do you think each person is thinking and feeling as the story unfolds? What do you think Jesus was thinking when the government official came desperately asking?
5. Share a time when you prayed for a need and God answered your prayer. What happened and how did this strengthen your faith?
6. What is one thing you gave up when you gave your life to Jesus? Do you miss it?
7. Read Matthew 7:7-8 Jesus tells us to keep asking, Keep seeking and keep knocking. Is there something that you are praying for that you still need God to answer? As a group, take time to pray for those needs believing God is going to answer.
8. What is one area in your life or a person in your life you need more faith in Jesus for that situation or for God to move in the life of that person?
9. Who can you ask this week to pray for their needs? Who will you ask to pray for you this week?
10. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

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**2024 TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE:** We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out the *Experience God* page. Go to [canvas.church/experience-god](https://canvas.church/experience-god) or *Experience God* on the Canvas App., read the "Make Me Better" section, start a new discipline, try a new Bible engagement tool, or help someone go further on their faith journey. Let us know how it's going.



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### INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

**Challenge yourself and or your group to pray out loud. It may just be a sentence or two of something you thank God for, or ask God to bless and answer someone's prayer request.**

1. We pray because we believe God can and will answer our prayers.
  2. We pray for each other out of obedience to God and out of love for each other.
  3. We pray out loud for each other so everyone will be blessed and encouraged.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
  - **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
  - **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
  - **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
  - **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
  - **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

**Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email [rickz@canvas.church](mailto:rickz@canvas.church)**