

SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE



A Call to Make Your Life Count
in a World of Urgent Need

DISCUSSION GUIDE #5: SESSION 3 – SPIRITUAL NEED

START

- Share your SOAP Journal Entry from this last week.
- Who were the 3 or 4 closest friends you had in High School? What interests did you share?
- Have you ever had a time when you allowed a concern about a job, a relationship, or finances to distract you from your faith?

TEACHING NOTES: Day 3: What's Missing in These Mountains?

DISCUSS

- Read Luke 5:17-26. Who was a part of the crowd gathered to hear Jesus teach? Why do you think Luke makes a point to make that clear?
- How do you think the crowd reacted to the man being lowered through the roof? Do you think the crowd influenced how Jesus dealt with the paralyzed man? Why or why not?
- What reason did Jesus give for healing the paralyzed man? Was that more important than setting him free from paralysis?
- Do you think spiritual need is more important than physical need? Why or why not?
- Has anyone in the group been to a place where few people have heard of Jesus? If so, share your experience. What was it like? How did it open your heart to needs around you?

PRAYER

- Consider some action steps to prepare you to address the spiritual needs around you. Are you cultivating relationships with people who haven't yet believed in Jesus? Are you preparing yourself to share with them by thinking about your own story of how you came to believe in Jesus, so you will be ready to share it? Consider closing your time together by asking a couple people in your group to share their story.
- Review your list of 3 people you are praying for to see if you need to add to or revise it. Pray for them and for the people in the Himalayas.

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE WEEK 5

Read: Luke 7

S – Scripture – Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O – Observation – Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A – Application – Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P – Prayer – Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.