

## Wednesday Night Bible Study 6/06/2018

Reflection: Last week we looked at the theme of "Salt and Light" from Matthew 5:13-16. After closely looking at these verses as well as considering what is stated in James 1:22-24, we are going to spend some time discussing how we can share our faith and what it means to be salt and light.

Let's face it, having evangelistic conversations can be very hard to do. Telling people about Jesus places us in a vulnerable place doesn't it? But at the same time, it can be the most joyful as we see God's grace and love impacting someone's life. And we get to participate!

Tonight, I would like to break up into smaller groups and as we do so let's remember that we are here to listen to, pray for and encourage each other.

Let's read together Luke 8:40-56 and discuss what are the standout points in this passage.

1) Let's reflect on the social standings of the two characters who are ministered to by Jesus in the narrative? As we read the narrative, what is their relationship to Jesus in terms of their social status? Who are they and what do you think about them?

2) Think of two people that you may know. Discuss these two people with your prayer group. What are some of the circumstances of "why" they are "who" they are?

3) If their names and unique situation were also in the narrative of Luke 8, how do you think Jesus would minister to them?

4) In light of how we think Jesus would minister to them, what are some of the ways we as individuals and the church can reach out to them? What does simply having a meal or being a blessing look like with the two individuals you identified? Would you take your Bible with you?

5) What questions/discussions do you think would be asked/had and why?

6) Is there a possibility that the narrative of Luke 8 may enter the conversation? How do you think this would happen?

7) Do you know of other biblical narratives which you could also share at a meal like this?

8) Do you think it places us in a vulnerable place to share with someone like this? What do you think the possible outcomes could be?

9) Sometimes we need to be mindful of how we explain things without sounding like a Christianese nerd. Think about the two people you have identified and reflect on how they would respond to Christian nuances.

10) In your group, spend some time praying for the two people who came to mind for you tonight and pray for an opportunity to share the gospel with them.