

COMMUNITY GROUPS GUIDE

SERMON BASED

Christ Community Church



THE EMPTY CHAIR: PART ONE

April 22, 2018

- 1. WHAT STOOD OUT IN THE BIBLE ABOUT THIS WEEK'S SERMON?**
- 2. WHAT STOOD OUT TO YOU MOST ABOUT THE SERMON AS A WHOLE?**
- 3. WHAT WAS THE APPLICATION OF THIS WEEK'S SERMON FOR OUR CHURCH?**
- 4. WHAT WAS THE APPLICATION OF THIS WEEK'S SERMON FOR YOU PERSONALLY?**

READ 2 KINGS 6:24-7:20 as a group, asking each person to write down what they observe about the passage. Talk about initial observations/questions of the passage as a group and then transition into these questions.

1. IN WHAT WAYS IS THE GOSPEL ON DISPLAY IN THIS PARTICULAR ACCOUNT?

- Examples: God accomplishes for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves, We are desperate and hopeless without a Savior (mothers are eating their own children), The enemy is defeated not by brute force or war but with what most would consider to be weakness.

Question: Do you find that it's often difficult for people to believe, because God works in ways we don't expect to bring about something we do not deserve? Think about the Captain who did not believe in 2 Kings 7:2. **When it comes to sharing Christ with someone, how does the risk influence how much or how regularly you share?**

2. HOW DID THE LEPERS RESPOND WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THEY WERE SAVED?

- Examples: They ate and drank, they took silver and gold, they took clothing and stored it, they couldn't keep the news to themselves, they went to tell hungry and thirsty people where to find food!

Question: What is your response to being saved from death and having life in Christ? Do you celebrate and take in the goodness of God like a beggar finding food? Our affections for Christ grow as we realize more and more that we come with empty hands, dead in our sins... we become people who daily love to celebrate the Savior when we realize we've been raised from death to life.

Question: If you have tasted the sweetness of belonging to Jesus, why do you keep it to yourself? Example: Embarrassment if they reject Christ, Don't feel I know enough to share Christ with someone, It's not easy to share in my workplace, etc. Understand that the lepers simply found the riches and told others where to find it!

3. TAKE TIME TO LIST NAMES OF PEOPLE YOU WANT OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE CHRIST WITH.

- Be specific. Family/Friends. Pray for someone very close like a neighbor or a coworker. Remember we know where life comes from, we're just running and telling people that we found it!

4. WHAT APPLICATION CAN WE DRAW FROM LOOKING CLOSELY AT THIS PASSAGE?

- God is accomplishing for us what we could not accomplish for ourselves – be confident!
- Celebrate the goodness of God that He's plucked you from life to death in His Son Jesus!
- Share the good news that you have found the One who brings life!
- Pray earnestly for opportunities to share and invite.