

Discussion Questions Course 504-2

Large Group

1. If you lived in that day, how would you remember what Jesus said?
2. In Bible times, Jesus' followers had to try and remember His Words. They didn't have electronic devices to record what He said. They didn't even have pencils and paper! If you lived in that day, how would you remember what Jesus said?
3. Who is the vine?

Small Group

Game

1. Before we start our game, let's answer the question from Large Group. In our Superbook adventure, what kind of flowers did Jesus say we should look at?

Teaching

1. **Fruit and branch illustration.** Let me see, if I understand the verse correctly, we will produce fruit like this, right?
2. **Hold the orange (or another piece of fruit) against your arm or side.** Okay, it isn't an apple, maybe it's an orange?
3. Well, now I am confused, what kind of fruit will be produced in us?
4. **Hold up the branch.** Do you think this branch can produce fruit, or even leaves; why or why not?
5. **Hold up the Grapevine Image and the branch.** The branch in this picture is producing grapes or fruit. How is it different than this branch?
6. What are some ways we can stay attached to the vine and close to Jesus?

Discipleship Challenge

1. Who can tell me what the challenge was about for the previous lesson?
2. Why is it important to only build our lives on Jesus as our foundation?

SuperVerse

1. What kind of fruit is the SuperVerse talking about?
2. Who can produce this fruit?
3. What can we do apart from Christ?

Additional Activities

Activity Page

1. Who is this person you revealed in the picture?
2. What did the centurion ask Jesus to do?
3. In the video, what was the crowd's reaction when Jesus took time to talk with him?

4. Why did they react this way?
5. [Read Matthew 5:43-48 \(NLT\)](#).
6. Based on this Scripture, do you think God was pleased with the crowd's reaction? Please explain.
7. Why is it easier to love our friends instead of our enemies?
8. Have you ever been tempted to avoid people who may be different than you? What do you think Jesus would have you do?

Bible Activity

Matthew 5:3 (NKJV); Matthew 19:16-22 (NLT)

1. What did the young man want to know?
2. What did Jesus tell him he must do in verses 17-19.
3. Did the young man think that was too difficult to do?
4. Do you think this is really possible?
5. Based on verse 20, so you believe the man was poor in spirit?
6. The young man thought eternal life came by doing good works. What did Jesus tell him to do in verse 21?
7. Was the young man happy to hear this?
8. What did Jesus recognize was his issue?
9. Can our possessions become too important to us?

Luke 18:9-14 (NLT)

1. Why did the two men go to the Temple?
 2. In verse 11, what did the Pharisee thank God for?
 3. In verse 12, what did the Pharisee brag about?
 4. Based on verse 11-12, would you say the Pharisee was poor in spirit?
 5. Boasting about what we do is not a sign of being poor in spirit! In verse 13, did the tax collector boast?
 6. In Verse 13, what else did he do to reveal the condition of his heart?
 7. How would you describe his spiritual condition?
 8. This man was humble and recognized his need for God's help. In verse 14, who went away forgiven and right before God?
- When Jesus told that story to the religious leaders, what do you think they felt?

Philippians 3:3b-8 (NLT)

1. In verse 3b, what does Paul put his trust in?
2. What does Paul NOT put his trust in?
3. How is this different or the same as the Pharisee in Jesus' parable?
4. Why is Paul's trust so remarkable when you read verses 4-6?

5. In verse 7, what did Paul say about the things that were once valuable or important to him?
6. Paul gave away everything to gain Christ. How does this compare to the young man Jesus asked to sell everything, give to the poor, and follow Him?