

Life Group Discussion Guide

MASON JARS

Matthew 9:11, Romans 5:8
Stuart Jones - March 18, 2018



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INTRODUCTION

We all knew a kid who could blow huge Bazooka Joe bubbles or who could take the soap covered ring out of the bottle and blow a monster bubble that floated through the air. Bubbles can be fun, but as adults we must be very careful about bubbles—the ones we live in.

Living in bubbles is natural for human beings. We engage with people who generally look like us and think like us. We look for comfortable, convenient and self-affirming situations.

Ultimately, we allow the walls of our bubble to keep us inside and those who need to know the good news of Jesus on the outside.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Tell the group about a person, place or moment you associate with Mason jars. Why the connection?
2. Throughout his sermon Stuart used the phrase, “Mason jar moment.” What is a Mason jar moment?

EVALUATE IT

1. Read John 4:4-26. Why is this story so out of the norm? What social barriers did Jesus blow up here?
2. Why did Jesus choose to talk to this woman? Note the woman’s initial reaction (v. 9) Why does it change by verse 11? Why does she get curious?
3. What is the significance of Jesus’ moment with the thief on the cross? Why does Jesus promise this man paradise?
4. Stuart said, “When He sits down with people, He doesn’t dwell on who they’ve been, but on who they can be.” Explain what Stuart meant by this. How do we know this is true?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How should Jesus' handling of the woman at the well, the thief on the cross, eating and drinking with sinners, etc. guide how you approach and interact with those disconnected with Jesus?
2. Do you believe that Jesus doesn't dwell on who you've been, but on who you can be? Why or why not? How do you show that you believe this?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations—these are mortal and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, exploit—immortal horrors or everlasting splendors.

- C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*



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