

Life Group Discussion Guide

THE SCREEN DOOR

Mark 1:29-32, Luke 5:31-32
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INTRODUCTION

Have you heard people say, “Just come on over” or “Stop by” or “Let’s spend some time together”? The screen door may be closed but with an open front door, you know to come on in. You are in a place where friends and family gather to talk things out or to get help.

Jesus is there for us. His door is open. Just come through the screen door and let Him heal the hurt. “When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying hands on each one, He healed them.” Luke 4:40

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. What sights, sounds or smells instantly take you back to your childhood? What moments or memories do they take you back to?
2. Who is someone whose door was always open to you? Tell the group about them.

EVALUATE IT

1. Read Mark 1:32. What do you think the crowds were looking for in Jesus (Ex: quick fix, better way to live or teacher)? Why?
2. Read Luke 5:27-32. Answer the Pharisees’ question, “Why did Jesus eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Why was this such a problem for them?
3. Why choose Levi? What is the irony here?
4. If Jesus’ door is always open, He welcomes everyone and has healing for everyone, what keeps people from knocking?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Stuart said, "He has healing for the guilty, for the sick, for the depressed, for the anxious, for the mourning, for the angry, for the sinners of all types." Do you believe this? Why or why not?
2. Answer the question the Pharisees asked Jesus. You and I have the cure given to mankind, so, "Do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" Do insiders or outsiders get most of your time?

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

- Emma Lazarus, The New Colossus



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