

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 6-5-2022

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Do you know of anything you eat or drink that energizes you? Inspires you to get at it? What foods turn you into couch potatoes?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Read aloud Luke 6:17-36 - Victory by the Spirit

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. Verse 17 says that He and the disciples came down to level ground that was apparently easier to walk on. The commissioning of apostleship had been higher in the mountain, but ministry would happen where it was convenient for the crowd. Are we willing to minister at ground level, or are we waiting higher up for ministry to find us?
2. In verse 18, the Greek word translated "healed" is derived from the same word that "therapy" comes from, though in Greek, that word speaks of waiting on others as a servant. Talk about how healing has come from the miraculous power of God working through your natural abilities.
3. Verse 19 shows that people wanted to touch Him because it was evident that power for healing was coming from Him. We are now indwelt by Christ. How have you gotten in the way of what He wants to do through you? How have you blocked Him instead of plugging in? How did you get free from that?
4. Look again at verses 20-36, thinking about how these words are teaching you how to turn on the power of the Spirit through you. Spend some time with each other looking at the variety of ways Jesus expresses His point.

Apply it today: Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?