

Small Group Discussion Prompts

The Discussion Prompts are provided to dig deeper into a sermon with the respective title mentioned on the right side of this guide (you can find the sermons at www.manheimbic.org/sermon).

Connect Care Challenge

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. Just arrive after a long week of all kind of things. - Ask: Who are you personally?

Carry each others burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Cry together. Support each other. Pray together. - Ask: How are you doing?

Dive into God's word to learn from each others insight. Encourage & challenge each other to a godly life. - Ask: What is God teaching us today?

Key Bible passage: **Luke 8:40-48**

When was the last time when you exhausted all your resources and found yourself reaching out to Jesus? I know, Jesus should not be our last resort, but honestly, many times it comes down to this.

Following Luke's account, Pastor Bryce took us into the story of the women that had been suffering an agonizing and shameful sickness for twelve long years. And when she reached out to Jesus, she was instantly healed. BUT *Jesus wasn't done* with the women yet. She came asking for physical healing but Jesus knew that her brokenness went deeper. Jesus now gives her a platform to talk about her pain and expand God's healing power into other areas of her life.

Where in your life have you experienced God's healing power (physical, emotional, spiritual)? Is it time to talk about it? Sharing your story can be part of the healing process. But we recognize that is risky to do that, right?!

Pastor Bryce mentions now four things that are part of going all in with Jesus:

Be single-minded when pursuing Jesus

What "remedies" have you tried, to heal your pain/sickness/hurt? Has it worked? Maybe just a little. The women pushed everything away to get a moment with Jesus. What is it that you need to push away to be single-mindedly focused on Jesus?

Be ready to give account of God's power

In counseling we say that "Talking about it is part of the healing process." Where can you talk about your pain, and about the way Jesus has touched you and healed you? Create avenues to share your *healing story* with others. Join a small group. Write a blogpost. Share it at lunch break.

Be available to ALL that God has in store for you

Being healed from past pain, hurts and sicknesses is just part of the story. Now it is time to look ahead. Part of your story with God is that he calls you *daughter* or *son*. And as a son or a daughter you have access to ALL that God is and has. Pause for a minute -literally, take 60 seconds- and meditate on that fact. You are precious to God! (Definition of *meditate*: Focus on that one thought)

Allow the weight of the situation to land on Jesus' shoulders

Now put all the chips on the table. Make a list of your life's areas (school, work, family, friends,...). Besides each item write down how Jesus plays a role in this area. He want's you to **put all in**.

As Bryce mentioned "it looks like a gamble", but is it really? Is it really a great risk, if the creator of the universe is on your side? Read Romans 8:31 and answer that question posted there.

Now go ahead and read the rest of Romans 8. Now, this is great news!

Clarify Celebrate

Know what's to do next, with the studies text, within the group, and in general. Have a mission for the week. - Ask: How do we apply what we have learned?

Celebrate life's success and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to *brag* about God. - Ask: What has God done in our life that deserves praise?

ADVENTURE: Risky Faith

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

Initiate and nurture a Growing Relationship with Christ

