

Crossroads Covenant Church
sermon-based small group discussion guide for January 13, 2019

Getting to Know Us- building intimacy in your shared group

1. Have you ever scanned through the documentaries section at a video store or on a streaming service such as Netflix or Hulu? What topics jump out for you as interesting or “must watch” documentaries?

Getting into the Word- digging deeper into the message

1. Jesus commanded the healed leper to go to the temple and present himself clean, as a testimony to them. Read in Leviticus 14:10-20 about the extensive offerings that were required. Discuss how these sacrifices for guilt and sin were a symbol or picture of Jesus’ work of atonement?
2. We heard this week about a group of friends who were so intent on bringing their need before Jesus that they ignored all social decorum, and that Jesus welcomed that faith with little concern for how they got there. Read other examples of Jesus rejecting rules in favor of simple faith, in Luke 10:38-42; Mark 2:15-17; Mark 7:1-9. How does this provide an example for us of living out our faith compared to worldly procedures and “church-y” traditions?
3. There were times that Jesus could not do many miracles, not because of His own lack of ability but because of the lack of faith of those around Him. Read this in Matthew 13:58 and Mark 6:5. Read the slightly different angle on this as recorded in Luke 4:23-24 and John 4:44. Discuss the importance of this lack of faith in Nazareth, since all four Gospels record it.

Application- sharing personal experiences

1. The people who saw Jesus heal during His ministry were constantly amazed at the “extraordinary things” they saw, even though many still rejected Him as Messiah. Share a time that God worked an extraordinary work in your life, which other people clearly saw as miraculous, and yet some rejected the clear divine action that occurred.