



Redeem Your Imagination

Week of November 22, 2015

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read Matthew 8:1-13

If left to our own devices, our imaginations can be depraved and limiting. We create fear, lust, and hopelessness. We pursue failure-filled activities because we let the world rule our imaginations. Our imaginations were created by God to give us the power to creatively reveal him. When we let our own thoughts rule our imaginations we only reveal fear and brokenness. When we reclaim our imaginations for God, and redeem them in Christ, we will see all the possibilities God has for us. We will then be empowered to follow after Christ in demonstrating the immense love of God.

Pray

You are able to do so much more than we can ask or imagine. You've created me and given me your imagination to see and work for your kingdom. Help me take every thought captive so my mind and my heart are working together in you and not for the world. Show me where to follow and how you want me to demonstrate your immense and amazing love in the lives of those around me. Let me see your possibilities instead of my fear, and help me bravely act to reveal you.

#JesusOnTheRoad

Getting Started

- Think back to when you were in elementary school; what did you want to be when you grew up?
- What are you afraid of?

Listening Deeply

1. Has God ever asked you to do something that you thought you couldn't do in your own power, but it turned out fine because he was guiding you?
2. "We need to redeem our imaginations." Define redeem. What does redeeming our imaginations mean to you?
3. Jesus made disciples on the road, not in a classroom. How should we apply that statement to our modern lives?
4. Matthew 8:1-13 describes two stories of healing; explain how physical healing is not the main point of those stories. What element of these stories spoke loudest to you?
5. Why do we refuse to see the power of God's hand and the willingness of Jesus' love in our future? How would your life be different if you did?
6. What we dare to imagine determines our future...what does a future filled with more of Jesus look like to you?

Living Wide in Jesus

Saved people serve people. Jesus never asked his disciples to stay where they were and wait for his coming. He bid them to follow. He told them to go. He put seemingly impossible tasks in front of them, and they obeyed because they saw the possibilities. Are you allowing the world to rule your imagination? By doing so, you limit God's power in your life. God is able to do so much more than you ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). You have the power to demolish anything that sets itself up against the knowledge of God when you take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ. Redeem your imagination and be the active message of Jesus' love and redemption in this broken world.