

Small Group Discussion Questions



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LEADER INFO

GROW This section is based on the sermon from Sunday. You can find it here: <https://www.southsidelife.com/>

ICE BREAKER Who was your childhood best friend? What was the dynamic of your friendship?

Awe and Wonder

“There’s endless wonder waiting for us someday in heaven, but we don’t want to end there. We can be gripped with awe and wonder today.”

Read

Luke 5:18-26

18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, **19** but they couldn’t reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. **20** Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, “Young man, your sins are forgiven.”

21 But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, “Who does he think he is? That’s blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!”

22 Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, “Why do you question this in your hearts? **23** Is it easier to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up and walk’? **24** So I

will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”

25 And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. **26** Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, “We have seen amazing things today!”

1. “A Life Enriched By Being Together”

- a. Who is someone (one multiple people) who you can honestly say has enriched your life by just being around them?

- b. If you could go back in time to experience one moment of your life, when would you go back to? Who was there with you?

- c. Luke 5:20 says “Seeing **their** faith, Jesus said to the man, “Young man, your sins are forgiven.”
 - i. Jesus sees the faith of the men lowering their paralyzed friend. Their concern for their friend, love and faith all cry out to Jesus for help - and Jesus hears and Jesus helps. This is a "get your hands dirty digging through the roof" kind of faith. It is a faith that takes great risks because of love.
 1. What do you think that mean this passage means for our friendships?

2. “Gripped with Great Wonder and Awe”

- a. When was the last time you were awed by God? Why?

- b. *“Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, “Do it again”; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, “Do it again” to the sun; and every evening, “Do it again” to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. **It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we.**” - GK Chesterton*
- i. Discuss what this quote means to you
- c. So many members of our church family are walking through dark seasons of loss or pain - that may be you. What are you praying and believing for the people in our community today?
- d. What are you most looking forward to in Heaven? What are you most looking forward to on Earth?

PRAY