

Let's Talk: Day 260-One Story

Jesus' Ministry to Sinners – Jesus Eats with Sinners & Forgives Them
Today's Reading: Luke 5:29-32; Luke 7:36-50; Luke 18:9-14

What people groups or individuals do you think are difficult to love? Take a minute to pray for them now and ask God to give you His love for them. If possible, bring them a meal.

Questions:

1. How did Simon the Pharisee treat Jesus when He entered his house?
2. How did the woman treat Jesus? Would you say you are more like Simon or the woman in the way you honor Jesus each day?
3. What does it mean to "Love because your are forgiven much?"
4. How did the Pharisee and the tax collector pray differently? What do you think Jesus was trying to teach the people? How do you pray?

Let's Talk: Day 261

Jesus' Choosing of the 12 – Jesus Prays All Night, Chooses 12 Apostles, & is Criticized by Family
Today's Reading: Luke 6:1-16; Mark 3:1-21; John 15:12-17

Talk as a family. If you had a servant, what would you have them do? What do you do with friends? Play a game of charades where you have to guess whether the person is acting like a friend or a servant.

Questions:

1. What did Jesus do on the Sabbath that made the Pharisees angry? How did the Pharisees make Jesus angry?
2. What did Jesus do right before He selected His apostles? How can you apply this before you make a big decision? Have you ever tried it? If so, how did this help?

3. Mark 3 says His own people or His family thought He was out of His mind. How would that have made you feel? Are members of your own family critical of each other? How can you be more supportive instead?
4. What does Jesus command us to do? What's the difference between being His servant and being His friend? How does it make you feel that you can be the friend of God?

Let's Talk: Day 262

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount – The Beatitudes, Kingdom-Life, & Jesus Fulfilling the Scriptures

Today's Reading: Matthew 5; Matthew 6; Luke 6:17-49

Make up your own list of "beatitudes for the family." For example, "Blessed are those who put their dirty dishes in the dishwasher, for they shall receive hugs from mom."

Questions:

1. What is one of the "Blessed are the...." that speaks to your heart? Why?
2. What is one of the "Blessed are the...." that is hard to understand? Why? Can you think of a real life example that applies to this verse?
3. Why are we supposed to love our enemies and turn the other cheek? How did Jesus do this? Do you know anyone in your life that has lived this way? What influence did they have?
4. What does Jesus tell us to do when we start to worry? How can you apply this?

Let's Talk: Day 263

Jesus' Healings in Capernaum & Nain – The Servant, the Widow's Son, & Peter's Mother

Today's Reading: Luke 7:1-16; Matthew 8:5-17; Isaiah 53:4

Today we are talking about faith. To help illustrate it, encourage each member of the family to do a trust fall. The rest of the family stands behind the person with arms locked to catch him/her. When you are ready, have the person fall straight back, having faith the family will catch them. Rotate through so everyone has a chance to do the fall.

Questions:

1. How did the centurion ask for help from Jesus? How did this show how great his faith was?
2. What did Jesus do to the dead man? If this was in the crowd, how is it possible that there were some people that didn't believe in Him?
3. Where would you rate your own faith? How much do you need to see to believe? When you ask God for something, how confident are you that He is going to answer?
4. How did Jesus fulfill the prophecy in Isaiah? Why is it that Jesus doesn't always heal people today?

Let's Talk: Day 264

Jesus' Demands of Discipleship – To Follow Jesus is to Make Him your First Priority

Today's Reading: Matthew 8:18-22; Luke 9:43-62; Matthew 16:24-26

Practice the concept of following. Younger kids can play a game of "Follow the Leader." Older kids can follow directions on a recipe, a new game or an eHow video about something they want to learn.

Questions:

1. What did Jesus ask the people to give up in order to follow Him? What are you willing to give up in order to follow Him? Why do we sometimes have a problem following others?
2. What were the disciples arguing about? How did Jesus respond?
3. What trivial things do you argue about? How do you think Jesus would respond?
4. How would you describe the heart of a little child? Do you think you have one? How can you keep one?

Let's Talk: Day 265

John the Baptist's Doubts – John Questions Jesus from Prison & Jesus Comments on John

Today's Reading: Luke 7:18-35; Matthew 11; Isaiah 35:3-6

Fill a backpack with cans. As you put each can in, have it represent a "care" we carry. Then let each person in the family wear the backpack

for awhile. Imagine wearing this backpack 24 hours a day. Now how much easier is it to live without the backpack? That is what God wants to do for us.

Questions:

1. What did John the Baptist doubt? Why do you think he doubted? How did Jesus respond?
2. Who did Jesus say John the Baptist was? Why does Jesus say the people didn't like either one of them?
3. Why did Jesus rebuke the two cities?
4. How can we receive God's rest? Do you have it right now or do you feel weighted down?

Let's Talk: Day 266

Today's Reading: Weekly day OFF

Weekly Review: Think back on this week's reading. What story stands out to you and why? As a family, pick a verse from the week to meditate on or memorize.

As we study the life of Jesus we are reminded that He is both fully God and fully human. What part of this week's reading highlights for you either his humanity or his deity?