

Life Group Curriculum**SHARE AN EXPERIENCE:**

How many of you grew up in a household or family or have friends where there is a lot of teasing, sarcasm or banter? Has it ever gone “too far”? Share with the group a time when you took it personally.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Did your faith grow this week? Did you pursue it? Last week, do you remember, we looked at a story of a woman, a gentile, who pursued Jesus and His miraculous, saving power...all because of faith! Great faith! Were you encouraged? Did you respond in faith? Be encouraged! Jesus is for you! And guess what?...He knows you personally, who you are, what you need, where you’re going, and where you’ve been. And every step of the way, He’s there with you, because you’re personal to Him!

Answer as many questions as time allows:

1. Take a moment to talk about this weekend’s message and what stood out to you the most.
2. What do you “take personally”? Your work, your words? Friends, family? Are you offended easily? Or do you take the sin of this world personally and consider it a rally cry for spreading the Good News? When you read stories like the one from this week, Jesus stopping to give hearing to a deaf man, what encouragement do you receive and how are you inspired to respond in your daily life? Do these stories change your idea of what you “take personally”? Share with each other what you want to make personal this week and who you want to personally share hope and Jesus with.
3. Take a few minutes to do a self-audit using some of the points from this week’s passage. He sees us! Are you “seeing” the people in your life and their needs? He gives us vision! Are you giving “vision” and direction to others, helping them to see their worth in Christ? He points to the source of power! In all that you accomplish and see others accomplish, are you pointing to God and giving Him the glory? He feels your pain! How are you in the empathy department? Are you feeling people’s pain and struggles? More importantly is your heart breaking for what breaks God’s?

Supporting Scripture: Mark 7:31-37; Matthew 15:29-31; Luke 11:14; John 9:6; Isaiah 35:5-7; Psalm 23:1-6

MEMORY VERSE:

Psalm 23:6 – “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

FOR PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL (OPTIONAL):

1. Press in; keep praying! We are 14 days in on our 21 day Daniel Fast prayer journey! How has God provided for you, sustained you, and answered prayers for you? Give Him praise! Keep praying for God to move and answer prayers for your church family. Also, pray for Radiant Church El Mirage. We believe God has called us to go, pray for open doors. As you pray this week, ask God to interrupt your plans with personal encounters and opportunities to share Jesus and speak life. Ask Him for the words and have faith He’ll answer.
2. Let’s dig deeper this week with some personal reflection as we finish strong with the Daniel Fast. During this time of fasting, have you become aware of anything that you have become deaf to in your life? Good or bad, what “noise” or “sounds” or “voices” have your ears blocked out? What do you need God’s help to hear again? Similarly, what have you become blind to? What have your eyes blocked out? What do you need to see? What do you need God to help you see again or perhaps for the first time?

