



GRAB GATHER GROW

Grab Gather and Grow

Grab this study, Gather a few people, and Grow in faith

SCRIPTURE

(read over the scripture together)

Matthew 3:13-17

At that time Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River so that John would baptize him. John tried to stop him and said, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you come to me?” Jesus answered, “Allow me to be baptized now. This is necessary to fulfill all righteousness.” So John agreed to baptize Jesus. When Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up out of the water. Heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and resting on him. A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love; I find happiness in him.”

DISCUSSION

Our Question today from Children:
Can God Change People’s Minds about how they act?

We all like our routines. Has there been a time where you knew God changed your routine? Share the experience.

As much as our world has changed, what Christ asks us to do has not changed. Jesus always and everywhere calls us to step out of our comfort zones, to be open to hearing a challenge or move in a new direction and to respond to each new situation that requires our attention. Has there been a time in your life Christ has called to challenge you to go in a new direction. Share the experience.

The world moves quickly and it is hard for us to “downshift.” What can you do in your life to downshift, to just slow down, and be open to what God asks you to see?

Trust. Who do you trust? Do you trust God?

Yesterday, Sunday the 14th is Human Relations Day throughout the United Methodist Church and Monday, the 15th, is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Discuss some ways you think America still has some work to do as we tackle issue of race and inequality.

SERVE

In a way John the Baptist was struggling with the idea that he was being asked to serve God! How do you think you are being asked to serve God in our community?

Change for Change, a mission offering, where we save our change or give a special gift to a mission project of BUMC. This coming Sunday our Change for Change will support our Kid Pack Program. A pack we assemble and provide to the social works at Park Center HS and Brooklyn Middle School.

Plan to give to this Change for Change mission.

Assemble a kit of your own this week, and randomly hand them out to youth in your neighborhood, or a homeless person, or maybe prepare a meal for Avenues for Homeless Youth in Brooklyn Park.

AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share, Read, Talk, Pray and Bless through life this week.

Each day, gather together and share your high and low of the day. Read a piece of Scripture; Talk together about the scripture and how it relates to your day; pray about your highs and lows and where God is leading you; and that at the end of the day share the following blessing:

“May you come away and follow Jesus!”

SUNDAY: John 1:43

MONDAY: John 1:46

TUESDAY: I Corinthians 6:12

WEDNESDAY: 1 Corinthians 6:15a

THURSDAY: I Corinthians 6:17

FRIDAY: Psalm 139:1-6

SATURDAY: John 1:29-42 (Tomorrow’s Sermon Text)

