



"MeaningLess" 05/28/17

LESS OFme The Point:

LESS OF me MEANS MORE Understanding My Position

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The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but WE change, so <u>please</u> <u>discuss</u> these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- <u>God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our</u> <u>"antennae up", to be looking for it</u>. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- •What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- •Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this

The Reenergizer (optional) Use this question if you need to get your group talking

• Name your top 3 <u>greatest</u> TV shows of all time.

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- Read Matthew 3:13-17. In this passage, how did John "understand his position"? How does this relate to humility and apply to us?
- [Pr'me Leaders: don't spend too much time here, so that you can <u>be</u> <u>sure to discuss the next question</u>*] In the Point, we looked at some *Problems with Our Position*. Read each of the following, then summarize what they mean when it comes to understanding our position:
 - You Don't Know It All: Romans 11:33-36
 - You Can't Do It All: Luke 10:38-42; Matthew 11:28-30
 - You Can't Control It All: Numbers 14:42-45
 - You Can't Plan It All: Isaiah 53:6; Deuteronomy 32:4
 - You Can't Fix It All: Romans 3:10-12; Ephesians 2:8-9Because Jesus!
- *Only when we think Less of Me, do we begin to understand our true position as given by God. Read each of the following descriptions and verses, then discuss how each makes you <u>feel</u>:
 - The Image of God: unlike all other creatures, we have been made to represent God! Genesis 1:26-27
 - The Love of God: God loves you desperately! 1 John 4:9-10
 - The Rescue of God: God rescued you from hell! Romans 3:22-24
- Close in prayer by going around your group and have each person pray a short sentence prayer thanking God for one of the three above: "Thank you God for Your <u>[image/love/rescue]</u>"

The References

Main Passage: <u>Matthew 3:13-17 (MSG)</u>*selected verses, read full passage in Bible[Jesus] wanted John to baptize him. <u>John objected</u>, "I'm the one who <u>needs to be baptized</u>, not you!"...

<u>Romans 11:33-36 (NIV)</u>^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible} Oh, <u>the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God</u>!...

Luke 10:38-42 (NLT)^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible} ...<u>you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one</u> thing worth being concerned about. ...

<u>Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)</u>^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible} "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and <u>I will give you rest</u>..."

Numbers 14:42-45^{*too long to print, read passage in Bible}

Isaiah 53:6^{*too long to print, read passage in Bible}

Deuteronomy 32:4^{*too long to print, read passage in Bible}

Romans 3:10-12^{*too long to print, read passage in Bible}

Ephesians 2:8-9^{*too long to print, read passage in Bible}

<u>Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV)</u>^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible} ...<u>Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness</u>...

<u>1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)</u>^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us...</u>}

<u>Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)</u>^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible} ...<u>Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this</u> <u>through Christ Jesus</u>...