



Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Share about your childhood summers - and how you spent them.

Talk About it!

QUESTION 1

2 Kings 4: 38-39 New International Version

38 Elisha returned to Gilgal and there was a famine in that region. While the company of the prophets was meeting with him, he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot and cook some stew for these prophets."

39 One of them went out into the fields to gather herbs and found a wild vine and picked as many of its gourds as his garment could hold. When he returned, he cut them up into the pot of stew, though no one knew what they were.

Discuss:

What's the closest thing to famine you've ever experienced - and in what way can you relate to this moment in the scriptures?

QUESTION 2

2 Kings 4:39-40 New International Version

39 One of them went out into the fields to gather herbs and found a wild vine and picked as many of its gourds as his garment could hold. When he returned, he cut them up into the pot of stew, though no one knew what they were. 40 The stew was poured out for the men, but as they began to eat it, they cried out, "Man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it.

Discuss:

The message suggested that the 'wild gourds' could be a metaphor for unhealthy things we add into the 'stew' of our lives. What are some 'wild gourds' you've put into your life stew? What did it lead to?

QUESTION 3

2 Kings 4:40-41 New International Version

40 The stew was poured out for the men, but as they began to eat it, they cried out, "Man of God, there is death in the pot!" And they could not eat it.

41 Elisha said, "Get some flour." He put it into the pot and said, "Serve it to the people to eat." And there was nothing harmful in the pot.

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Romans 8:6 New International Version

6 The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

Discuss:

In the message you heard about a four-phase-pattern of redemption for the wrong recipe (Recognize, Repent, Receive, Rejoice). How have you experienced that four-part sequence?

Galatians 2:19-20 New International Version

19 “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. 20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Titus 2:11-12 New International Version

11 For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Discuss:

How do you need to engage in that four-phase sequence even now - to engage a greater degree of the grace of God in your life?

QUESTION 4

Proverbs 3:5-6 New International Version

*5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.*

John 6:33-35 New International Version

*33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”
34 “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”
35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.*

Discuss:

How is God speaking to you through these passages? In what way have you “trusted in the Lord with all your heart” and “leaned on His understanding”?