

Those Needy People

Matthew 9:36; Mark 1:32-39; Hebrews 10:24-25

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Community Group Discussion Questions

Please Read Before Leading Discussion

- **Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group and discussion.** You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/FacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

POSSIBLE ICEBREAKERS (5-10 Minutes)

(Keep it short. Longer than 10 minutes isn't an ice-breaker – it's a conversation.)

- **Share your name and answer the following icebreaker:**
 - **What is your idea of a perfect day off?**

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)

(As people share, utilize follow-up questions to keep the discussion as natural as possible: Tell me more, what do mean by that?, Anyone else?)

- **What was your biggest takeaway from Sunday's message? A thought, principle, idea, question, quote, etc.**
- Is it harder for you to help those in need or to accept help when you are in need?
- Scott shared 5 types of needy people: 1. The victim, 2. The constant talker, 3. The controller, 4. The drama queen, 5. The financial free loader.
 - Which of these or other types of needy people do you find most prevalent in your life?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)

(Be sure to manage your time so you can get to "Applying It".)

- **Read Matthew 9:36 & Mark 1:32-39**
 - **What do you think of Jesus response to the needy in these verses?**
 - Which of Jesus' 2 responses is harder for you to do?
- Scott shared 2 approaches to helping needy people:
 1. Relief – immediate and temporary assistance
 2. Restoration – walking with people to restore to God given potential
 - How are you doing at helping people either of these 2 ways?
- **Read Hebrews 10:24-25**
 - What might it look like for you or other Christians to apply these verses?
- **Scott shared 4 things to pray to help restore those in need:**
 1. **Grow my compassion for the needy**
 2. **Help me give people what they truly need not just what they want**
 3. **Show me when I am working against your plans by offering assistance**
 4. **Help me never forget that I'm needy too**
 - If you were to pray one of these sentences regularly this week, which would it be and why?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes) (You can discuss these in large group or prayer time)

- **What is a situation with a needy person in your life that our group can pray for?**
- **What is an area of need you can use help with or prayer for this week?**