



QUESTIONS

JESUS ASKED

Opportunity Camp 2019
Teaching Material

Welcome to camp!

You have made a very important decision by deciding to serve at Opportunity Camp. You are joining hundreds – if not, thousands – of volunteers who have served over the last four decades. Every year we are privileged to serve a unique group of campers that God brings to Felton. Whether this is your first time or if you are veteran, we believe you will experience something truly special during your time at camp.

Our teaching theme this year is called, “Questions Jesus Asked.” It might surprise you, but Jesus asked a lot of questions. Often we can learn as much about a person by the questions they ask as we can by the answers they give.

This material includes each day’s theme and key passage, as well as conversation starters for you to use on your Forest Walk. We will be highlighting the same theme during both the morning and evening assemblies.

It is my hope that this material will help you prepare you to have a wonderful experience at camp. I also know that the best preparation happens in private – as you read God’s word and spend time in prayer. I hope you will commit to praying each week before camp that God will our efforts to serve him by serving the campers.

Thank you again for choosing to serve and I’m looking forward to seeing you at camp!

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Monday

Do You Want To Get Well?

While visiting the pool of Bethesda, Jesus met a man who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. Every day the man would visit the pool, hoping to be the first person to enter in order to be healed. Jesus asks him what seems to be a strange question: “do you want to get well?” On the surface, the answer seems obvious. But when we dig deeper we find that not everyone does want to get well.

Key Passage: John 5:1-15

1 Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. 3 Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed—and they waited for the moving of the waters. 4 From time to time an angel of the Lord would come down and stir up the waters. The first one into the pool after each such disturbance would be cured of whatever disease they had. 5 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

Forest Walk Conversation Starters

1. If you don't already know your campers, spend time getting to know them. If you do know them, ask how they've been.
2. In the story, the man had been handicapped and unable to walk for 38 years. What do you think that would have been like? What would have been hard to do?
3. Why do you think Jesus asked so many questions?
4. Why do you think Jesus asked this man if he wanted to get well?
5. What is one thing you learned from this morning's talk?

Tuesday

Do You See the Log in Your Own Eye?

We all have hypocritical tendencies. We tend to find the fault in others while overlooking (or excusing) our own bad behavior. While this might be human nature, it is not to be the way Christ-followers behave. Understanding this teaching should soften our attitudes towards the brokenness of others.

Key Passage: Matthew 7:1-5

1 “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. 3 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Forest Walk Conversation Starters

1. How was your first full at camp? Did you make any new friends?
2. Have you got something in your eye? How did it feel? What did you do about it?
3. Why do people like to find fault in others? How does it make you feel when someone is constantly picking on you?
4. What does it mean to be a hypocrite?
5. What is one thing you learned from this morning’s talk?

Wednesday

Where Is Your Faith?

Once when Jesus and his disciples were sailing, Jesus fell asleep and a storm (a squall!) came in. The disciples panicked and woke up Jesus. In an awesome display of his power and authority, Jesus rebukes the winds and the storm goes away. Then he asks the disciples a penetrating question: "Where is your faith?" It's easy to believe when life is easy; the test of faith is to trust in the midst of storms.

Key Passage: Luke 8:22-25

22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. 23 As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. 24 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. 25 "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

Forest Walk Conversation Starters

1. As how their week is going? What has been the most fun part so far?
2. Have you ever been out on a boat? What was it like? If not, what do you think it would be like?
3. What is the worst storm you've ever been in? Did it thunder and lightning?
4. How could Jesus possibly sleep during a storm?
5. What is one thing you learned from this morning's talk?

Thursday

Who Do You Say I Am?

Jesus had been attracting a greater following, yet not everyone understood who he was. So, he asks the disciples what the crowds believe about him. Teacher and prophet. But Jesus wants to know what they believe about him – “Who do you say I am?” This leads to Peter’s great confession and the promise of the church. In the same way, each of us must answer the question “Who do I say Jesus is?”

Key Passage: Matthew 16:13-20

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” 14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” 16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Forest Walk Conversation Starters

1. What was the most enjoyable part of yesterday?
2. Who is the most famous person you have ever met? What made them famous?
3. Why do you think a lot of people were following Jesus?
4. Why were people confused about who Jesus was?
5. What is one thing you learned from this morning’s talk?

Friday

Who Are You Looking For?

This is the first question Jesus asked after his resurrection. Even today, Jesus still asks every person the same question: "Who is it you're looking for?" and each of us must give an answer.

Key Passage: John 20:11-15

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Forest Walk Conversation Starters

1. What has been the highlight of your week?
2. What have you learned this week that you didn't know before?
3. How long had Jesus been dead before his resurrection? How do you think his friends felt?
4. Why is it important that we look for Jesus?
5. What is one thing you learned from this morning's talk?