



World Turned Upside Down: Pt. 2: The Least Were Loved

Throughout his ministry, Jesus demonstrated that his Kingdom operated on a different set of values than what have been typical throughout history. He loved those who were considered “failures” and he was never impressed with those who were considered “successful.”

Bottom Line: Jesus gave up everything to love everyone. He became the least to love the least.

Discussion Questions:

1. Who is the most famous person you have met?
2. Why do you think people are so enamored with those who are famous?
3. **Read John 3:1-12.** Nicodemus was a powerful, respected leader. What strikes you about the way Jesus interacted with him? What in their interaction reveals that Jesus was not enamored by Nicodemus’ position or fame?
4. **Read Mark 10:46-52.** What stands out to you? Why? Why was the man shouting? Why was the man being shushed?
 - a. Have you ever been shushed? How did you feel about that? How might the man feel about Jesus’ request to call out to him?
 - b. How is this an example of Jesus turning the world upside down?
5. Both men were changed by Jesus. Nicodemus helped bury the body of Jesus after the crucifixion (John 19:39-42), and Bartimaeus also became a follower of Jesus salvation (Mark 10:52). How has following Jesus turned your life upside down?
6. Jesus demonstrated love to both men, regardless of their status in life. Even though this was characteristic of how Jesus interacted with everyone, there are still some who distance themselves from God’s love. What keeps you away from God’s love?
7. Jesus is our example for how to interact with those around us. How could you better love people as Jesus loves them? Any specific examples of what needs to change for you to love like Jesus loves?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn’t allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.