

Outside In - Embarrassment
September 1, 2024

As you engage in this discussion, follow the Spirit's leading and share your thoughts as you reflect on the message. Work through the discussion guide by reading Scripture and reflecting on a couple of questions and points from the message.

Opening Questions

- Can you talk about a time when you felt embarrassed?

Read the following scriptures together.

Luke 8:42-28

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years,^[a] but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

"Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

"So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

A FEW QUESTIONS TO PONDER DURING YOUR DISCUSSION:

- When have you experienced compassion from someone?

- What does it mean to really connect with Jesus? Not just to know things about Him or to affirm doctrinal positions, but to reach out and touch Him?
- Are you more like the woman who reached out to touch Him? Or are you more like the crowd, near Jesus but not really in touch with Him?
- Sometimes, admitting what we need from him may be the most challenging part of coming to Jesus. Do you agree with this? Why do you think this is? Why is it difficult for you?
- In order to live "In Christ", it means you have to be WITH Christ. What does that look like for you?
- Our identity should be found in Christ. However, this is often difficult. Where do you often see your identity?

CLOSING: PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR GROUP

Look over the Identity in Christ card. Take turns reading each scripture as a group and remembering who you are in Christ.