Groups Discussion Questions

Unstuck † Week 2 "Going Uphill to Get Unstuck"

Sometimes it feels like we're going uphill to get unstuck. Lisa Harper, our guest speaker, spoke about how, although we all get stuck, seeing ourselves and others with the perspective of Jesus will get us unstuck. Simon was stuck on where the Woman had been, But Jesus saw who she was. Jesus asked Simon, "Do you see this woman?" (Luke 7:44), but he only saw her past; Jesus saw her humility, He saw that she was aware of her need for grace, and He saw her gratitude for that grace. When we see things through Jesus's perspective, we will get Unstuck.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1. If this is the first time your group has met, take a moment to introduce yourself, share something about your family, and tell the group how you ended up at Crossroads.
- 2. Almost everyone who has flown more than once has a story about a challenging experience in an airport or plane. Share your unusual airport or flight story.

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1. Why is our perspective so important? How has Jesus changed your perspective of yourself and others?
- a) How did Simon's reaction to the Woman's interruption show his heart?
- b) What did the Woman's acts of extravagant love reveal about her heart?
- 2. Jesus told Simon the story of two debtors (Luke 7:41). Simon answered the question correctly, but that doesn't mean he understood the point.
- a) What was Jesus trying to show Simon with the story?
- b) How can humility and the awareness of our need for the grace of Jesus get us Unstuck?

- 3. The other guests seemed surprised that Jesus forgave the Woman's sin, asking, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"
 - a) Often, we fail to remember who Jesus is when we are stuck. Can you think of a time when you were Unstuck by remembering who Jesus is and what he has done for you?
 - b) How has God's grace and forgiveness gotten you Unstuck?

TAKING IT HOME

Jesus came to save the lost (Luke 19:10), and when we see the world through the perspective of Jesus, we can see the dire need for Jesus's unconditional love and grace.

- What areas of your life do you need to change your perspective?
- What actions can you take to adopt the perspective of Jesus?

PRAYER TIME

Close your group in prayer. Ask God to help you learn to listen to his voice, to trust him, and not get stuck trying to figure out the next perfect step on your own. Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you the perspective of Jesus for yourself and others.

ACTION ITEMS

- This week read the Psalms and see how God is the key to being Unstuck. Start with <u>Psalm 42:1-5</u>, <u>Psalm 40:1-3</u>, <u>Psalm 121</u>, and <u>Psalm 94:16-19</u>.
- Take some time to talk to God this week about your "blind spots" where you might be stuck because you have the wrong perspective or are trying to do it yourself. Ask Him to reveal to you what parts of your life He wants you to acknowledge and begin to experience the life He has for you.