



Leader Conversation Guide – Interrupting Jesus

Main Idea

In this week's message, Pastor Charlotte Gambill concluded our Summer Essentials Series by reminding us that our relationship with God, as His sons and daughters, trumps any rules that culture or deceit from the enemy may have us believe about His availability. No matter what we're facing, Jesus wants us to interrupt Him and bring our needs to Him. As seen in Bible stories like the woman with the blood condition who touched Jesus' hem, the paralytic who was lowered to Jesus through a hole in the roof, and the healing of "Blind Bartimaeus," miracles happen when we boldly and intentionally interrupt Jesus. Let's get our "manners" out of the way of our miracles, reach for Jesus, bring our needs to Him, and ask Him to get involved. He's willing and ready to help us.

Make It Practical

- Stretch towards Jesus. "Interrupt" Him through worship and prayer, and intentionally ask Him to get involved in every situation you face.
- Have people in your life who are willing to be your stretcher. When you feel paralyzed by life, they will help carry you to Jesus.
- Shout to Jesus for help! He wants you to interrupt Him with your needs.

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

Talk About It

1. Pastor Charlotte said that sometimes, we don't want to interrupt Jesus because we don't want Him involved. Share about a time in your life when intentionally involving Jesus in your situation changed everything. Why might you be afraid to involve Him sometimes?
2. Talk about some of the ways we can intentionally stretch towards Jesus. How have you experienced the difference between being around Jesus (being at church, listening to worship music, etc.) versus really going after Him in those times?
3. In what ways has culture or the enemy tried to silence you from calling on Jesus? Can you recall a time when you "shouted" to Jesus and He met your needs? Share this story with the group.

“Jesus is highly interruptible, because relationship trumps rules.”

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for wanting to be in relationship with me and for being interruptible. Thank You for giving me a way to be free from shame and fear, so I can confidently come to You, no matter what. Come get involved in every area of my life, and surround me with “stretchers” who will help me come near to You in times when I feel far away. In Your name, Amen!

Leader Tips

Be prepared to talk about practical ways your group members can be “stretchers” for one another. Ask your group members if they have specific needs your group can meet, and ask if they feel like they need help getting closer to Jesus. Pray with your group members, find ways to help meet their practical needs, and be a present, encouraging source of support for them!