Interviewed by Jesus' Friends

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The Gospels tell us how meeting Jesus transformed people's lives. Their stories can transform your prayers and your faith.

For

Adult/Couple

Season

Spring

Needed

Bible or access to <u>Bible Gateway--Site for Looking Up Bible Passages</u>, paper, pens, willingness to find something in common with a person from the Bible



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Activity Plan

1. Say this prayer aloud to begin:

God, your Son touched the lives of many people, and they were never the same. Touch us through their stories and their questions, so that we might know you better. Amen.

- 2. Have each person pick a different story from the list below, look it up in the Bible or on <u>Bible Gateway--Site for Looking Up Bible Passages</u>, and read it. Have each person pay attention to how and where Jesus and the person(s) met, what his or her life was like before and after meeting Jesus, and any questions they asked Jesus. Possible stories:
 - Matthew 19:16-26 Jesus and the Rich Young Man
 - Luke 10:25-37 A Lawyer Asks Jesus about Neighbors
 - Luke 10:38-42 Jesus Visits Mary and Martha
 - Luke 19:1-10 Jesus and Zacchaeus
 - John 3:1-21 Nicodemus Comes to Jesus
 - John 4:4-26 Jesus Talks with a Woman at a Well
 - John 6:1-14 Jesus Uses Little Boy's Lunch to Feed a Crowd
 - John 11:1-44 Jesus Raises Lazarus from Death
- 3. Based on the character's experience with Jesus in the story that was read, have each person write three or four questions that these character(s) might ask a person today about his or her life of faith.
- 4. Take turns telling about the Bible stories you read and interviewing each other with the questions.
- 5. Have each person choose one question from the Bible stories to form the basis of a short prayer. Write down your prayers. Sit in silence a moment, and then invite each person to pray his or her prayer aloud.

For example, the Rich Young Man might ask "If I give away all that I have, how will I take care of myself?" The prayer that comes from that might be "Lord, help me understand that all I have comes from you. Strengthen my faith so that I trust you for all I need."

Another example using the woman at the well might have her asking "Are you not concerned about what others will say if they see you talking to me?" The prayer that comes from that thought might be "Thank you, Lord, for seeing only me when you look my way. You see me, hear me, know me, love me. I am amazed."



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