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WEEK 2 >>

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[CONNECT]

Did your mom or dad ever come to your rescue when they shouldn't have? If you have children, have you ever done the same? Share your experiences with your group...

[ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

[GROW]

Read Matthew 20:20-28. Describe the scene, and what you believe this mother's true concern was with her boys.

Trusting that God is truly in control of our circumstances can be challenging. What requests or questions have you ever withheld from God because of your lack of trust?

Verse 20 describes the mother coming to Jesus and "kneeling down" in front of Him. Sometimes we get so caught up in the act of "kneeling" that it overshadows the heart of humility. What are other ways besides kneeling that we can approach Jesus in true humility?

God already knows the difficult, and sometimes self-centered, questions we have. Verbally expressing them to God is certainly ok. He wants us to have such a close relationship with Him, that we feel and embrace the freedom of asking Him what's on our heart – even if He never answers... or the answer is "no". Has this ever happened to you? Share your experience...

Now that we're down to the possible answer Jesus might give to our questions, we now have to ask ourselves, "Am I ready for the answer? Can I handle the answer? Am I willing to accept the answer if it's not the one I wanted?", or the most challenging question of all... "Do I trust what Jesus says?"

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Truly trusting Jesus with our questions is downright...messy. However, like a child coming close to ask his mother or father something, Jesus wants us to come close to Him. He's big enough to handle our messy questions, our messy doubt, and our messy lives... The challenge for us this week is to evaluate ourselves and the motives behind our questions, and then allow Jesus to correct the messiness, and draw us one step closer to Him.