

Kingdom/Jesus Passages for Spiritual Conversations

Greatest Needs Of the Lost - *Peace, Hope, Healing, Purpose, Rest, Relationships*

The stories below speak to these needs and many others.

[In the brackets after each story: First: *Possible needs that this story would meet*. Followed by: Possible questions to ask either before or after telling them the story.]

We are seeking to find those who are hungry for God - People of Peace. **Here are some other questions you can use after the stories to draw out those who God is working in:**

- Are you near or far from God? Would you like to be nearer?
- What did you hear about God in that story? What did you hear about people in that story?
- If you liked that story there are many others we can share with you. Could we come by tomorrow (?) and share another story with you & your family?

Some Stories for the Lost to start with

Matthew 11:28-30 - Come to me those who are weary & burdened [*People who express weariness or you sense are carrying something heavy. No Peace/Hope*. How would your life be different if you didn't have to carry this burden alone?]

Luke 15:11-32 - Lost Son [*Anyone who expresses a lack of spiritual hope or expresses that they are unworthy of forgiveness/love*. How would it change your life to know that you are loved regardless of your past?]

Mark 5:25-34 - Bleeding woman [*Anyone who is going through a sickness of any kind*. What would it look like for you to reach out to Jesus like this woman did?]

Mark 2:1-12 - Jesus heals man let down through roof [*Those who are asking for healing/hope for someone else*. How can you help your friend? Do you have faith that can help your friend?]

Matthew 13:44 - Treasure in the field found/hidden/purchased [*Anyone questioning the value of knowing God or talking about what they would have to give up*. What would it take for you to give up everything for something/someone? What is it that you are holding onto that you think is more valuable than God?]

Mark 4:35-41 - Jesus Calms the Storm [*People who are in the middle of storms in their life*. How would it change your life if you knew that you didn't have to go through this storm alone? If this is true what should you do next?]

For the Hurting . . .

Psalms 9:9-10 - A shelter for the oppressed [*Overwhelmed, Oppressed*. What would it look like for God to be a shelter to you right now? What does it mean to you that God will not abandon you if you search for Him?]

Especially for the Parent whose Children are wayward . . .

Luke 7:11-17 - The raising of the dead son [*Discouragement/Grief over a child*. What would it mean to you to know that God has compassion on your child? If that is true what would you do differently?]

Other Stories for the Lost . . .

Luke 19:1-10 - Zacchaeus [*People with many things but little Hope or Purpose*]. What can you relate to in Zacchaeus' story? What would have made it difficult for Zacchaeus to decide to follow Jesus? God offers salvation to everyone who humbles themselves & repents]

Matthew 13:31-32 - Parable of the mustard seed [*People needing Hope, Purpose*]. How does that picture of a mustard seed speak to you? What would it look like for you to have a mustard seed of faith?]

Matthew 13:45-46 - Pearl of great value [*Purpose, Direction*]. Knowing God is worth everything! What are you searching for? What is worth everything to you?]

Luke 18:35-43 - Blind man shouted for Jesus. Jesus asked him: 'What do you want me to do for you?' [*People who are sick, broken, desperate*]. Have you told God what you want from Him? Do you believe that God can hear you?]

Luke 17:11-18 - The 10 Lepers were healed & only one came back [*People who have seen God work*]. Are you going to be the 9 or the One?]

Luke 18:9-14 - Pharisee and Tax Collector [*People who are Hopeless, Lost. OR, those who feel they are 'more righteous.'*]. What do you hear God saying in this story? Where do you see yourself in this story? It's the humble who receive God's mercy]

Mark 5:1-13 - Man with many evil spirits healed [*Demonic, Oppression*]. Jesus has power over the demonic]

Matthew 14:15-21 - Feeding the 5,000 [Jesus can miraculously provide for our physical needs]

Matthew 9:18-21 9:23-26 - Jarius daughter raised back to life [*Sickness, Hope*]. Jesus has power over death]

Mark 11:20-24 - Withering Tree [*Sickness*]. Jesus has authority if we will believe and ask]

Matthew 18:1-4 - Whoever comes to me as a humble child . . . - [*Pride, Failure, Unworthiness*]. Jesus wants us to come to him as humble as children]

Primarily for Believers . . .

Matthew 7:24-27 - House built on rock vs. house built on sand [*Obedience, Following Jesus*]. God desires and rewards our Obedience]

Matthew 6:25-34 - Don't be anxious [*Stress, Anxiety, Troubles*]. We must seek first the Kingdom & God will provide for all of our needs]

Luke 18:1-8 - Widow & Judge [*Hopelessness*]. We must always pray & never give up]

Matthew 7:7-11 - Ask, and it will be given [*Any need*]. Ask, Seek, Knock]

Matthew 15:10-20 - It is what is on the inside, not the outside, that matters [*Legalism*. You can follow the laws but that is not what makes you right with God]