

Relational Vampires

Needy People

Key Scriptures

When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. Acts 3:3-7 NIV

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" Mark 1:35-37 NIV

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Galatians 6:7-8 NIV

But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay. Psalm 70:5 NIV

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Dogs or cats, which are overly needy? Prove it.
- Who are a few of the most life-giving people you know? What makes them different?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What do you think some deeper issues might be for people who come across as overly needy?
- Read Mark 1:35-37. How was Jesus giving his disciples exactly what they needed?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- We all experience some kind of need. Which area of your life is most impoverished? How can you allow God to meet you there?
- Read Psalm 70:5. Share a story of when you or someone else tried to play God's role of deliverer. What would you do differently now?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, the truth is that we are all overly needy for You, Your grace, Your presence, and Your love. Teach us to live depending on You and not someone else, or something else. Help us to take the right steps to bring healing to any hurting relationships or people in our lives. We pray this in Your name. Amen!

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What do you need to change to better love people who have needs? What actions will you take to trust God with your needs?