

SHARE

ICON – PART 5

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- What are some things that should not be shared? (Yup, you can go crazy with this one)

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What do we are a culture share that is helpful? Unhelpful?
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- What did someone share with you that you are deeply grateful for? Do they know?
- What do you have that is shareable? Take some time and create a long list for the group.
- What are your responses to the idea of the Judgment Seat of Christ mentioned in 2 Corinthians 5:10?
- When you share/give what do you do to remind yourself that you will be rewarded?
- If you were one of the four lepers, what would you have chosen to do? (verse 3-4)
- As one of the four lepers, you start bringing in all the valuables from the Aramean army, at that point, “Why do you think you have what you have?”
- Concerning the three levels of possessions: Need, Greed, Seed.
 - When do you consider that your Need level is met?
 - What is the tipping point when what you have is more than enough and you are starting to enter into Greed?
 - How much do you need to have to start sowing Seed?
- Why do you have what you have?
- Describe how you view God as your source. (Where did I get what I have?)
- Share a habit that is now different in your life because of how you view your possessions. (What will I do with what I have?)
- Have you decided your Why? (You don’t discover your Why, you decide your Why)

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Lord, I have more than I need or deserve. Show me how I am sharing, and speak to me where I need to start sharing. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- This week you will compare your abilities/talents/resources to someone who has more than you. Thank God for what you have aloud at that very moment.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

1 Corinthians 3:13-14 (NIV)

¹³ his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.

¹⁴ If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.

2 Kings 7:1-20 (NIV)

¹ Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD. This is what the LORD says: About this time tomorrow, a seah of flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria."

² The officer on whose arm the king was leaning said to the man of God, "Look, even if the LORD should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?" "You will see it with your own eyes," answered Elisha, "but you will not eat any of it!"

³ Now there were four men with leprosy at the entrance of the city gate. They said to each other, "Why stay here until we die?"

⁴ If we say, 'We'll go into the city'--the famine is there, and we will die. And if we stay here, we will die. So let's go over to the camp of the Arameans and surrender. If they spare us, we live; if they kill us, then we die."

⁵ At dusk they got up and went to the camp of the Arameans. When they reached the edge of the camp, not a man was there,

⁶ for the Lord had caused the Arameans to hear the sound of chariots and horses and a great army, so that they said to one another, "Look, the king of Israel has hired the Hittite and Egyptian kings to attack us!"

⁷ So they got up and fled in the dusk and abandoned their tents and their horses and donkeys. They left the camp as it was and ran for their lives.

⁸ The men who had leprosy reached the edge of the camp and entered one of the tents. They ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold and clothes, and went off and hid them. They returned and entered another tent and took some things from it and hid them also.

⁹ Then they said to each other, "We're not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are keeping it to ourselves. If we wait until daylight, punishment will overtake us. Let's go at once and report this to the royal palace."

¹⁰ So they went and called out to the city gatekeepers and told them, "We went into the Aramean camp and not a man was there--not a sound of anyone--only tethered horses and donkeys, and the tents left just as they were."

¹¹ The gatekeepers shouted the news, and it was reported within the palace.

¹² The king got up in the night and said to his officers, "I will tell you what the Arameans have done to us. They know we are starving; so they have left the camp to hide in the countryside, thinking, 'They will surely come out, and then we will take them alive and get into the city.'"

¹³ One of his officers answered, "Have some men take five of the horses that are left in the city. Their plight will be like that of all the Israelites left here--yes, they will only be like all these Israelites who are doomed. So let us send them to find out what happened."

¹⁴ So they selected two chariots with their horses, and the king sent them after the Aramean army. He commanded the drivers, "Go and find out what has happened."

¹⁵ They followed them as far as the Jordan, and they found the whole road strewn with the clothing and equipment the Arameans had thrown away in their headlong flight. So the messengers returned and reported to the king.

¹⁶ Then the people went out and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a seah of flour sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley sold for a shekel, as the LORD had said.

¹⁷ Now the king had put the officer on whose arm he leaned in charge of the gate, and the people trampled him in the gateway, and he died, just as the man of God had foretold when the king came down to his house.

¹⁸ It happened as the man of God had said to the king: "About this time tomorrow, a seah of flour will sell for a shekel and two seahs of barley for a shekel at the gate of Samaria."

¹⁹ The officer had said to the man of God, "Look, even if the LORD should open the floodgates of the heavens, could this happen?" The man of God had replied, "You will see it with your own eyes, but you will not eat any of it!"

²⁰ And that is exactly what happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gateway, and he died.