

DESPERATION OR DESPERATE?

NXL CONNECT

CELL FORMAT

BREAKDOWN >>

//The goal of this lesson is to discuss whether you are living a life of desperation for Jesus, or just desperate for affection and attention. Here are a few scriptures to help you prepare for your discussion. James 3:1-6 Mark 5:21-34 John 21:15-19 Mathew 5:1-12

OPEN UP >>

//Are you ready for discipleship one.

NOTABLE QUOTE >>

// You have to learn to trust in Jesus. You need to live in a constant state of brokenness and submission to Jesus, His Word, and His Authority structure.

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OUT LOUD >>

// Do you live in a state of desperation for Jesus, or a life desperate for affection? Desperate for attention? Desperate for acknowledgement and praise? Desperate people thrive in an arena of drama and trauma. Desperate people live in a small world the bigger the drama in their life the smaller the world they live in. **(Read James 3:1-6 aloud)** Desperate people are gossips and often have critical remarks regarding authority. They say things like oh that Leader is just religious we don't really have to live that way. They have no discipline over their tongue. They often will give you unsolicited thoughts on other people. They have a spirit of rebellion. They take orders as a suggestion from authority figures rather than to submit to leaders or parent's wisdom.

They are desperate for relationships. They can't live without a guy or a girl in their life. There always hooking up with a new person. Some desperate people don't date everyone but in their mind they want to. They have perverse thoughts about the opposite sex. They treat the opposite sex as an object to be possessed.

Desperation for Jesus People: When you live in a state of desperation for Jesus you thrive in an arena of praise and self-sacrifice. But before you ever get to this point you have to go through a wilderness experience God wants to get you to a point of brokenness towards him. He wants you to learn to trust in him. Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights fasting and being tempted in the desert. Moses spent 40 years in a desert. Joseph spent 10 years in a jail cell. Brokenness leads to submission to Jesus, His Word, and His Authority structure.

(Read Mark 5:21-34 out loud)

This woman went through the crowd to get to Jesus not with the crowd. The crowd was in God's presence but completely unaffected by it. Yet this woman reaches out her hand in a state of desperation and was given a miracle. Desperation will cause you to reach for Jesus. When you are desperate for him you won't care about fame, money and accolades.

Desperation for Jesus Comes from: A broken spirit. A spirit that understands and fully comprehends a total dependence on God.

PRAYER FOCUS >>

Salvation, pray for those that feel like they have been desperate and not in desperation for Jesus.