

Does the Dot Matter?

Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

Luke 4:40-41

Mark 1:40-44

Mark 3:1-5

Matthew 5:16; 7:12

Luke 7:1-10

Luke 7:11-17

Mark 5:25-34

Luke 8:49-56

Matthew 9:27-30

Mark 6:53-56

Mark 7:24-30

Mark 7:31-36

Matthew 15:30-31

Mark 8:1-9

Mark 8:22-26

Luke 9:37-43

Luke 10:25-37

Luke 13:10-17

Luke 17:11-19

Matthew 20:29-34

Matthew 25:31-46

1. If this life is just a dot on the timeline of eternity, are you more dot-minded or line-minded? Why? Which perspective do you think dominated the life and teaching of Jesus?
2. Read Matthew 5:16; 7:12; 25:31-46 and Luke 10:25-37. Based on these teachings, do you think Jesus wants us to prioritize the earthly needs or eternal needs of our neighbors?
3. Read Mark 3:1-5; 5:25-34; 8:1-9; Luke 7:11-17; 8:49-56; 13:10-17. Why do you think Jesus did not always address people's spiritual needs? How can we know when to focus on physical needs only, and when to share eternal truths?
4. Have you ever demonstrated love to someone but felt guilty afterward? Was it because you failed to meet "dot" needs or "line" needs? Why did you feel God was disappointed in you?
5. When was the last time you loved your neighbor without saying anything about Jesus and you felt good about it? Are you willing to pray for opportunities to do that this week with whomever God puts in your "neighborhood"?