

Study guide – Lent week 3

On Sunday we looked at Matthew 9: 18-26

1. What stood out to you from Sunday?
2. Paul started with an illustration about not stopping and appreciating a sunset. Are there things that you rush past and don't stop to appreciate? Do you think that you do this with God?
3. Consider doing the Ignatian prayer again- you might want to tailor how many times you read through depending on how many of your group were present on Sunday. On Sunday the NIV, The Message and NLT translations were used. This is how Paul explained it:
Ignatian prayer is about letting God speak to you through repetition and imagination. As the story is read slowly, imagine you are a character there, what would you have seen and felt, engage all your senses. You can stick with the same character each time or swap each time that it's read. You could be one of the disciples, Jairus, just a passer-by, or one of the pipe players! How would Jesus' power have looked close up?
 - What stands out to you from this passage? Anything that you imagined while doing the Ignatian prayer about being there?
 - Do you have any reflections on the woman being healed in the middle of the story?
 - What strikes you about God's display of power bringing the girl back to life?
4. Paul said on Sunday that he is 'wary of loving God just for what He has done and not for who He is.' How does that sit with you? Is that something that you fall into? Are there things you have put into place to prevent that from happening?
5. What would it look like to be a church who are known for stopping and standing in awe? (As opposed to stopping in the name of love or to wait for a postman)
6. What could you do to build standing in awe of God into your routine more?