



BRING LIFE
AS YOU ARE GOING

GET READY

Although the amount varies, we all have some interaction with friends, family members, neighbors, and co-workers. Beyond these, we often interact with a fairly wide set of acquaintances. Servers at our favorite restaurants. Check-out clerks at our grocery store and dry cleaners. Stylists at the hair salon. And the service professionals in and around our homes and apartments (pest control, gardeners, pool maintenance, etc.).

There is an opportunity in the **dailyness** of our lives to bring life to those around us.

Here is Luke's account of one such interaction Jesus had with Simon Peter's mother-in-law:

"After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went to Simon's home, where he found Simon's mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. "Please heal her," everyone begged. Standing at her bedside, he rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once and prepared a meal for them.

As the sun went down that evening, people throughout the village brought sick family members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases were, the touch of his hand healed every one. Many were possessed by demons; and the demons came out at his command, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But because they knew he was the Messiah, he rebuked them and refused to let them speak."

Luke 4:38-41

Q3: What would have been some other possible reactions to finding Peter's mother-in-law sick?

Q4: How are you likely to react when life interrupts your plans?

TAKE ACTION

Personal Time: Take some time right now to individually reflect on the people God has put in your life.

Begin by asking God to help you think well. Ask Him to help you listen well to him and think well about the people He has put in your daily lives.

Ask God to help you make a long list people you have connection with in any of these daily places that make sense for you:

Your home:

Your neighborhood:

Your work:

Your recreation place (gym, park, etc):

Your food stop (coffee shop, restaurant, etc):

Your _____:

Look back through your list. As you look at each name, let your mind wander to all you currently know about their lives. As you do, engage God by thanking him for what you appreciate about these people and for what is going well in their lives. Ask God to help them in the areas of their lives that are tough.

Ask God if there are people (outside of your family) on the lists above with whom you should be more intentional about engaging and bringing life. Write their names here:

Consider: Perhaps God has placed you in the dailyness of these people's lives to help them know Him more.

We learned this week that Jesus took initiative in Simon Peter's life by going to his house. He was present with Peter to know his mother-in-law was sick. And He did what He could to help.

Ask God and think about specific ways you can take initiative, be present, and help in each of their lives.

(person 1) _____

Take initiative:

Be present:

Help:

(person 2) _____

Take initiative:

Be present:

Help:

(person 3) _____

Take initiative:

Be present:

Help:

As you finish or as your group comes back together, ask God for wisdom and courage about what to share with your group. And for boldness and clarity to know what to DO in this week and coming weeks with these people.

GROUP TIME:

Q: How did the prayer exercise feel? Were you able to think of some people you could take initiative with? Be present with? Help?

Q: Are there any names or stories you would like to share with the group?

Complete this sentence: To be a life-bringer at church, I will _____

PRAY TOGETHER

One way we can be united is by committing to pray for one another. Take some time as a group to share your prayer requests. Be sure to record everyone's requests on the Prayer Notes on page 152.