

INSTRUCTIONS

1. INTRO (CA. 5 MIN)

A question that helps you to tune into the subject of the lunch. Have a round so everyone can answer.

2. BIBLE (CA. 20 MIN)

Read the text out loud once and give everyone time to read for themselves. Use the questions from these three categories to make a conversation.



See: What does the text say?



*Think: What does the author want to tell their readers?
How would the first readers understand this?*



Live: What does the text mean to us today?

3. PRAY (CA. 5 MIN)

Remember that we are different. Some are used to pray out loud, others like to pray in quietness. At the same time this group is a good arena to try out new things. When you pray the prayer of the gathering you can also pray for each other and co-students.

CHALLENGE (CA. 2 MIN)

The challenge of the week is not an exam, but a voluntary practice. Try it out and see what happens!

INTRODUCTION

WHAT

A conversation guide that brings the faith conversation right into daily life.

WHO

Students in the midst of reality.

VISION

A faith that is embodied in life.



2-5 people



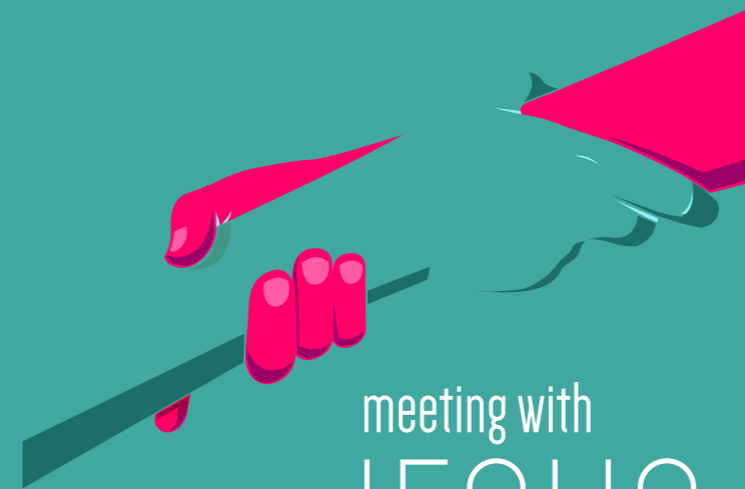
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6-10 lunches

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LAGSLUNCH



meeting with
JESUS

Jesus is true God and true man. There is no one else like Him. When he walked on earth he healed many sick people. Their encounter with Jesus had concrete physical consequences. But he also had life changing conversations with people, and challenged many to change their way of life or way of thinking. For he came first and foremost to save us from our sins.

But Jesus also meets people today; especially through his Word in the Bible. And as it was then, it is also now: When a person meets Jesus, it is changed - forever. That's what we will look into in this lagslunch.



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1. JESUS MEETS THE CHILDREN

In this lagslunsj, we will look at some of Jesus' meetings with various people and learn from them. Today it's all about the small children.

Intro: What do you think about spending time with children?

Bible: Read Mark 10, 13-16 and 9, 33-37

SEE Imagine the situations in these texts. How do you think the children and disciples experienced them?

THINK What does Jesus want the disciples to understand by what he is saying?

LIVE What does it mean to be a "servant of all" in practice?

Pray: God, we thank you for loving the little ones and making them examples for us. We thank you for making us your children and for loving us just because we exist.

Look at some pictures from when you were a little kid yourself and think about what characterized life back then.

2. JESUS MEETS PAUL

Today we read the story of Jesus' meeting with Paul, and the consequences it had.

Intro: Do you know of someone who has had their lives turned on their heads? What could cause such a complete reversal?

Bible: Read Acts 9, 1-22

SEE What did Paul do before the Damascus experience?

THINK Paul went from one radical lifestyle to another. How do you think that was for him?

LIVE Is it possible to live a radical lifestyle without having a spectacular experience like Paul's?

Pray: Ananias told Paul that he will see again, and afterwards Paul received the Holy Spirit. Close your eyes and thank God for letting you see Jesus, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you

Jesus wants to open everyone's eyes to who He is. Invite someone to join Lagslunsj so they can see Jesus.

3. JESUS MEETS THE MAN BY JERICHO

Let's look at a meeting Jesus had with a blind man on his way to Jericho.

Intro: How often do you stop and pay attention to someone you don't know well?

Bible: Read Luke 18, 35-43

SEE What does the blind man call Jesus - and why?

THINK The blind man got his sight back because he believed. What did he believe?

LIVE Meeting both the man and us, Jesus asks: "What can I do for you?". What does this mean for you in your life?

Pray: Thank you Jesus for stopping and making time for the man by the road. Thank you for your life, death, and resurrection. Thank you for taking time to attend to all people and thank you for the gift of life to me as well.

During the week, surprise someone with the question "What can I do for you?".

4. JESUS MEETS THE TWO SICK

Jesus could be a bit of a rebel. Let's see how Jesus broke some of the expectations of that time.

Intro: What characterizes a typical "rebel"? Have you ever been rebellious?

Bible: Read Luke 13, 10-17 + 6.6-11

SEE What does the text say about how the Jews viewed the Sabbath?

THINK How was healing on the Sabbath received differently by the sick, the Jewish leaders, and the crowd?

LIVE How can we challenge unwritten rules in our time? Should we Christians really do that?

Pray: Thank you, Jesus, for challenging the status quo. Teach us to live by your will and stand up for the truth even if it is costly.

Be a little rebellious with something that matters to you! Dare to make a difference.

5. JESUS MEETS THE PHARISEES AND THE SCRIBES

Jesus encouraged them to love their enemies, but he criticized oppressors who counted themselves better than others.

Intro: What do you think "righteous anger" means? Have you experienced it?

Bible: Read Luke 11, 37-46

SEE What is Jesus criticizing people for?

THINK It might not be so strange that they wanted to get rid of Jesus. What does it say about Jesus that he spoke as he did? Was he showing love?

LIVE Do you dare speak up when someone is doing something wrong? In what situations have you thought you could speak up but did not?

Pray: God, thank you for forgiving us even if we do much wrong. Help us stand up against injustice. Let us not think we are better than others, but be humble.

Speak up the next time you see someone being treated unfairly.

6. JESUS MEETS PETER

Peter was one of those closest to Jesus. Still, he failed. Here we will see how Jesus met him afterwards.

Intro: To regret is considered a weakness. What are your thoughts about that? Have you ever regretted anything?

Bible: Read Luke 22, 54-62 and John 21, 1-17

SEE How many times did Peter deny Jesus? How did Jesus meet him on the beach?

THINK What do you think Peter thought and felt after Jesus' death? What happened to Peter after the meeting at the sea of Tiberias?

LIVE How should we deal with the wrongs we do? How should we meet those who do us wrong?

Pray: Thank you, God, for being patient and forgiving. Help us see our mistakes and ask for forgiveness.

Listen to the song "Kyrie" by Bjørn Eidsvåg. Think about what the text means.

7. JESUS MEETS A NEGLECTED WOMAN

Jesus is on his way to save a dying child but stops in a crowd to look at a tormented woman in the eyes.

Intro: Have you ever tried to "sink into the earth" and hoped that no one would notice you?

Bible: Read Luke 8, 40-50

SEE What do you think of the text? Who is the woman and how does she meet Jesus?

THINK It seems that the woman could go unnoticed. How do you think he meets her?

LIVE Many of us need to be seen and acknowledged. What do you think when you see someone on the street that doesn't look "normal"?

Pray: God, thank you for seeing everything. Thank you for caring about anyone who is hurting or troubled. Help us to see and love other people.

Notice the people in your class for the rest of the day. Give some encouragement to someone.

8. JESUS MEETS AN OFFICER

The people of Israel were God's people, but Jesus also met some who were not Jews.

Intro: Have you had contact with people of a different religion or culture than you? Do you happen to wonder about differences or similarities between us?

Bible: Read Luke 7, 1-10

SEE What makes Jesus wonder?

THINK What do you think the officer has heard about Jesus that causes him to treat him with such awe?

LIVE What does it mean to have "such faith" as Jesus mentions here? When is your faith strong or weak? Do you always need a strong faith to follow Jesus?

Pray: Jesus, we thank you that everyone is welcome to follow you. Show us what it looks like and strengthen us on that road.

Ask God to meet someone who surprises you with their faith.