

Okay to be unclean?

Community Group Leaders Guide

Mark 15:42-47 /// Week of May 19

Today's big idea: Take bold risks.

The ice breaker below is a play on words regarding clean and unclean. Everyone has something unique they do with how they wash, fold or hang clothes. Have fun with it.

- What is the unique thing you do when you clean clothes?
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- What did you hear in the sermon that caught your attention?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

This is a very short Bible story. This would be a great opportunity to invite someone else to share the story this week.

- Use Bible Storytelling to tell the story of the burial of Jesus.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Mark 15:42-47 in the Bible.
- What do we know about Joseph?
- What was the significance of the timing for the burial of Jesus? **Discussion should include sabbath, leaving a body overnight and Pilate.**
- How did Pilate respond to the news of the death of Jesus?

Heart

These questions will get people to think about things they don't normally think about. Be ready to lead the way in discussion and model transparency and vulnerability.

- For Joseph, what were the ceremonial and social implications of burying Jesus?
- How do social implications impact the love we show others in the name of Jesus?
- What held Mary and Mary back from doing more than watching, and what holds you back from doing more than watching?

Hands

In this section you could also ask, "What was something you thought about doing but then you didn't, and why?"

- What is a bold risk that you may have avoided because of the social implications at work, at school or at home?
- How can you empower those you are discipling to take bold risks in spite of social implications they may face? **If people are slow to answer then start by asking them who they are discipling. If they say "no one" then ask them who they could disciple. Then return to this question.**
- Make plans for the summer for your Community Group! **Brainstorm at least two ways your group could connect for fun over the summer. You could have a cookout or go out to eat. You could plan a game night or find a way to serve together. Whatever you do, plan ahead to invite new people to join you.**

Next Week: When Is It Okay to Be Unclean? Luke 5:12-16