



Take a moment to pray and to ask the Holy Spirit to guide your time together in The Word.

Consider a time when Scripture shifted your way of thinking. Share about it with one another.

1. Have someone in your group read aloud Matthew 9:18–26 while the rest of the group listens, with eyes closed, for a word or phrase that sticks out to them. Repeat with another reader. This time as you listen to the passage read aloud, consider if there is something in the text that resonates with you personally. Share your reflections with one another.
2. Identify the three different times that Jesus was interrupted in this passage. What do you notice?
3. C.S. Lewis said, “The great thing, if you can, is to stop regarding all the unpleasant things as interruptions of your ‘own’, or ‘real’ life. The truth is of course that what you call the interruptions are precisely your real life – the life God is sending you day by day: what you call your ‘real life’ is a phantom of your own imagination.” What do you think of this challenge from C.S. Lewis? How does it connect to our discipleship theme of LOVE LOCAL?
4. How can you follow in the way of Jesus to receive interruptions as invitations, particularly to LOVE LOCAL?
5. Is there anything in your life currently that feels like an interruption? How might you respond? Spend some time praying for one another.

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to sign up for a Small Group this Fall!

## First Pres Boulder Small Group Values

### Commitment

Regular participation is vital to small group health. Prioritize your time together this fall. Come ready to share. Listen to the sermon before you meet. Let your group know if you can't make it.

### Openness to Newcomers

Small Groups are a great place to welcome new visitors into our church family and to (re) introduce someone to God, Scripture, and Christian community. Make space for others to join your group and consider who you might invite to join you.

### Love

Encourage one another. Pray together. Extend grace. Speak truth. Don't try to “fix” one another. Do everything you can to love one another well.

### Outward Focus

Scripture is meant to shape our whole lives. Expect transformation. Ask follow-up questions of one another. Live out what you are learning while you are away from one another. Consider doing something (LOVE LOCAL) together to serve people who are not part of your Small Group.