



# FLIPPED DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 2



**MAIN SCRIPTURES:**  
Mark 5:24-34 NIV

**MAIN POINT:**  
God’s labels beat all other labels.

**JESUS CONNECTION:**  
Whatever the world tries to label you, Jesus labels you as known, worthy, and loved.

## LEADER CORNER

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to recognize where they’ve accepted false labels and embrace the labels God has for them.

### BACKGROUND TO SCRIPTURE

In Jesus’ day people were labeled as either “clean” or “unclean.” People were labeled unclean for a variety of reasons: getting a rash, discharging bodily fluids like blood, eating the wrong thing or being around the wrong people. To be labeled unclean was the absolute worst label; it meant the person was seen as a dangerous threat to the clean and should be avoided at all costs. Often they would be outcasts from society. In this story you will read, the woman was marked unclean in one of the worst ways – from bleeding for over 12 years.

### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don’t feel like you need to do or ask everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.*

## CONVERSATION GUIDE

### GET THEM TALKING

What are different positive labels people give each other?  
What are different negative labels people give each other?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think labels can have so much power in our lives?
- READ MARK 5:24-34 and answer the following questions:**
2. In your own words, what is happening here?
  3. What ways do you think the woman’s label affected how others saw her? How do you think it affected how she saw herself?
  4. For this unclean woman to touch Jesus would’ve been an insult in that culture, like spitting in someone’s face. But Jesus doesn’t shun her, He gives her a personal, loving label. What does Jesus call her?
  5. What are different labels God gives us? Spend time together as a group to come up with 5-10 labels God gives us, such as forgiven, chosen, loved, son/daughter, etc.

### ACTIVITY (DO THIS TOGETHER)

First, give your students a notecard or strip of paper and the YOU MATTER TO GOD Bible verse handout. On one ask the notecard ask them to write down anonymously one or more labels they are going to STOP believing about themselves. Then ask them to give you those slips of paper so that you can pray for them throughout the week to let these labels go.

On the back of the YOU MATTER TO GOD Bible verse handout, have students write down one or more labels that God gives them that they are going to HOLD ONTO about themselves. Encourage them to take the card with them to keep as a reminder.

### NEXT STEP

Take home the list of YOU MATTER TO GOD Bible verses, pick a verse and memorize it this week. If you have already done this, pick another verse from this list to memorize.

### PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

## MAIN SCRIPTURES

### Mark 5:24-34 NIV

<sup>24</sup> So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. <sup>25</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. <sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." <sup>29</sup> Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

<sup>30</sup> At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

<sup>31</sup> "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "

<sup>32</sup> But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."