

**1) Desperate faith restores hearts without hope. (v. 18-26)**

1. Read v. 18. Read Philippians 2:10. What is the proper position for rulers before Jesus? Do you put too much or too little hope in political, spiritual, or business leaders? Does a position of authority help or hinder the attitude of desperation?
2. What responsibility do parents feel to protect and provide for their children? Have you ever been in a position where your children were in a situation that you could not fix? Did you bring them to Jesus?
3. Desperation grows when you lose the loss of something you love. Have you ever lost something you loved? What did you do in your desperation?
4. Read 2Corinthians 1:9-10. Have you ever felt like you were facing death? How did God use that feeling to drive you to him?

**2) Desperate faith cleanses lives filled with shame. (v. 20-22)**

5. Read Isaiah 64:6. When did you become aware of your uncleanness before God? How does this continual attitude of need contribute to our walk with God?
6. Read Eph. 2:13. How significant is blood in the Bible? List places where God refers to blood.
7. When the woman touched Jesus she was made clean and Jesus was technically made unclean. Read 2Corinthians 5:21. How does this picture what happened on the cross? How did His bleeding stop hers? How does His bleeding prevent you from bleeding to death?
8. Do you have a desperate faith that drives you close enough to touch Jesus?

**3) Desperate faith opens eyes without sight. (v. 27-31)**

9. Why do you think the blind men asked for mercy and not sight? Why did Jesus give them both? Which do you need more, mercy or vision?
10. Read v. 29. How important is your faith when you are desperate? How is faith demonstrated?

**4) Desperate faith frees lips mouths without praise. (v. 32-34)**

11. Can you really have faith if you are not able or are unwilling to express it verbally?
12. Some people won't verbalize their faith because they still have doubts. Are you letting your skepticism shut your mouths and limit your praise

**Additional Scripture**

- Mark 5:21-43
- Luke 8:40-56
- Ephesians 2:1-13
- Rom 9:9-10

# SMALL GROUP PULPIT CURRICULUM

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- 2Corinthians 4:4
  - 2Corinthians 5:21

