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Council Devotions

Need a doctor?

Read at Mark 2:17

‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

Ponder: [In pairs or in groups of 3, discuss what you hear from the reading.]

What tone of voice do you imagine Jesus used?

Who should receive our ‘call’?

What does this ‘call’ look like?

Summarize: [Hear from the other groups.]

Pray:

‘P’ – praise the qualities of Christ.

[You may include love, power over sin, mercy.]

‘R’ – remember the things God has given you.

[Forgiveness, healing, life, fellowship, a ‘call’ from some one.]

‘A’ – ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your deliberations.

[Include those items under consideration at this meeting.]

‘Y’ – yield to God’s will.

[Not my will, but yours be done.]

This devotional outline is intended to help you create your own opening devotion for your council meeting. The focus is on some aspect of leadership. It should promote discussion about Jesus and how he worked with his followers. Devotions in this style encourage council members to share their thinking about the role of leadership. This is a guide only and should be adapted to the time available and to your group. This opening devotion may take 5 – 10 minutes to conduct, but it will take a little preparation on your part. Consider also the variety of way one might be ‘sick’. One may be sick in spirit, in emotional balance, in psychological steadiness, in physical strength, in relationship, in economic ways and others. Was Jesus impatient? Tender? Angry? Disappointed? Read the verses surrounding this scripture.