



No Matter What, No Matter Where – Week 3
Memorial Day– Jim Burgen
May 30, 2021

Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation--encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

// Bible References

John 10:10; John 9:8-34; Psalm 139:7-12; John 3:17

// Message Summary

This week Jim talks about how there are significant moments in your life that become a foundational part of your story. Moments that, looking back were clearly Jesus meeting you where you were. He gives the example of the blind man who was healed by Jesus rubbing mud and spit on his eyes, and how this man was not necessarily a believer in Jesus, but He met the man where he was, and the man built his life on that pivotal moment even when rulers and his own family doubted his belief. Like many of us, the blind man didn't have it all figured out. He didn't have any theological explanations or answers but all he knew was that once he met Jesus, his whole life changed. Jim also shares the story about how his dad came to know Jesus and how that changed his life, and the generations after him. It set in motion everything that would ultimately lead to Jim leading here at Flatirons! Flatirons is a place where you can expect to hear hard Biblical truth and receive endless grace and love. Jesus came so that we may have life to the full and Flatirons is a place where you can come as you are, raw and real, as you chase after that full, with-God kind of life.

// Community Questions

1. *"There's nothing more powerful than the power of story."* - Jim
What is your all-time favorite story from a book, movie, or Scripture? (Examples: Romeo & Juliet, David & Goliath, Harry Potter, Star Wars, etc.) Why do you love it?

2. Jesus used spit and mud to heal the blind man. What's the weirdest at-home remedy you have ever heard of or used? (Examples: toothpaste on zits, superglue on cuts, duct tape on warts, etc.).

// Discussion Questions

1. Read John 10:10- How does Jesus define a 'full life'?
2. Is there a significant person in your life who introduced you to Jesus, influenced your faith, and/or modeled what it means to be a follower of Jesus?
3. Describe something that has happened in your life or in the life of someone you know, that although you can't explain it and don't fully understand it, you know it is because of Jesus?
4. When have you had a "something has to change" moment? What steps did you take to make changes?
5. Read John 9:8-12. How have people been surprised by how Jesus has changed you? Have you ever been judgmental or skeptical of another person's change?
6. Read Psalm 139:7-12 as a group. As you read these verses, what resonates with you? What stands out? How do the words relate to your life and your relationship with Jesus? Share with your group.

// Challenge

Stories are powerful. You may have encountered or experienced Jesus as a result of someone else's story. *Your* story is powerful. We don't always make time to reflect on our stories and the ways Jesus is working throughout our lives. This week, map out your story (write it, type it, make a timeline, etc.) Include pivotal, life-changing moments where you see God's hand or purpose in those moments. Take time to be proud of your story and to thank Jesus for it.

Extra credit: share your story with someone in your group or share it with our staff by going to <https://www.flatironschurch.com/contact-us/> and select "My Story" under **Question or Interest**.