

Royal Redeemer CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the Sermon Series: TwoGather
And the sermon for May 21, 2017
Signs & Prayer



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

- **Connect**

- When you look around today at our culture, what are the status symbols that help us determine a persons worth or value?

- **Grow** (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.”³⁹ But he answered them, “*An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.*”⁴⁰ *For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*⁴¹ *The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.*⁴² *The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.*

⁴³ “*When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.*”⁴⁴ *Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.*⁴⁵ *Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation.*”

Matthew 12:38-45

- Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- Who is asking Jesus for a sign? Why are they so concerned with Jesus proving himself?
- When is a sign a really good thing? When can it become destructive?
- How could a CGS Community offer a place for confession and prayer?

Reflect: “Long gone are the days when a life of material excess and endless leisure time signified prestige. According to a new study in the *Journal of Consumer Research*, Americans increasingly perceive busy and overworked people as having high status.”

-Science Daily

- **Serve**

- Stepping Forward is Tuesday, May 30. As part of [The Faith Alliance](#) (a group of West Chester/Liberty Township churches working together to serve the needs of the community) congregation members partner with Lord of Life Lutheran Church to serve meals to local families in need once a month at Faith Community United Methodist Church.

- **End with Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**