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Discipleship Phrase: God uses ordinary people for extraordinary purposes.

<u>Big Idea for Series:</u> We have what it takes to accomplish everything God wants us to because of who He is.

Abiding (grow as a disciple yourself)

How are you intentionally growing in your relationship with Jesus and allowing him to transform your character and others through you? In your focus time with God this week, pray for a heightened awareness of how important you are to the body of Christ and your need to function alongside all the other parts as well. You are divinely and uniquely created for God's purpose, for relationship, and to glorify Him. Before your group meets, grapple with the "seemingly weaker pieces" of you and that God has designed us for His purposes, not our own.

Leading (facilitate your group effectively)

This week we're talking about all parts of the "body," that is the church. Paul states in Colossians 1:18, "Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body." Every part is important. During your group time, question 2 invites the group into a space of vulnerability asking us all to share some areas of our life that we may not find the most flattering. This will be uncomfortable for some however, this is a good tension so sit with your group in it and commit to walking through it together. Then in question 3, we contrast that by highlighting what God say about those very parts. This week lead intentionally by calling on the quieter members, by name, asking for their thoughts regarding question two. Listen well, be genuinely curious and keep them engaged by asking good follow up questions.

Shepherding (know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep)

As you meet with your life group, spend some time intentionally affirming the qualities/giftings you see in each other. Remind them that who they are, matters. Strive to make them feel needed and known. As a group, reflect on the words spoken by Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:22-26, specifically. None of us are here by accident and our uniqueness, individually, allows us to complete the "whole" body of Christ. There is not one single part of the body (the church) that is more valuable than another to Jesus. Have each member of your group pick another person this week that they can affirm publicly with the sole purpose of loving like Him who loves us.

<u>Life Group Leader Announcement</u> (leader specific info)

- Life Group Leader Workshop! Intentional Leadership! March 7, 2021! A two-hour investment into your leadership! We meet right after church; lunch will be provided, space is limited! Click here to register!
- Life Group Leader Podcast! Episode 3 now available! On Spotify here, on Apple Podcasts here!

Church Announcements (be in the know & share with your group)

• Connections Class February 21st & 28th 1-3 PM! Click here to register!

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."



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Welcome/Introductions (creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone)

Open in Prayer (kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (choose one that is best for your group this week)

Weekly Vision Checklist (See Flipbook re: announcements, the "why", goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching)

Ask a Hook Question (a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction)

One man's trash is another man's treasure. What do you highly value that other people might not?

Recap Last Week's Message (ask a couple people to share what stood out to them in this week's message)

Scriptures References (Read scriptures directly from the Bible—it carries its own authority)

Matthew 10:2-4 (ESV), Mark 3:13-19 (ESV), Luke 16:12-16 (ESV), 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 (ESV), Luke 22:54-62 (ESV)

Implications (takeaways from the message)

- 1. Even if you don't feel like you can influence thousands, you still have a role in the Kingdom of God.
- 2. One reason Life Groups are so important is that they give everyone an opportunity to be heard.
- 3. We must be careful to not let our church traditions get in the way of God's work in the world.
- 4. Accepting God's forgiveness is critical to our success as disciples.

Discussion Questions (going beyond the surface)

- 1. What does Paul say about seemingly weaker, less honorable, unpresentable parts of the body in 1 Corinthians 12:22?
- 2. What parts of you do you feel are seemingly weaker, less honorable and unpresentable?
- 3. Is your perception of seemingly weaker, less honorable, and unpresentable changed knowing that you are divinely designed by God?
- 4. Pick a partner and spend time calling out the unique, God appointed characteristics, strengths and traits you see in them.

Prayer Requests (record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.)

Closing Prayer (ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly)

