



LEADER PAGE | SERIES: Ordinary People | **WEEK** 1 of 3 - **Sermon date:** January 31, 2021

Discipleship Phrase: God uses ordinary people for extraordinary purposes.

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

Abiding (*grow as a disciple yourself*)

This week's message illustrates the way God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things for His work. Do you have a desire to further your intimacy with God? In Psalms 63:1, David desires and longs for a deep relationship with God. Are you communing daily with Christ so that His words, love, and joy fill you? God wants to use you right where you are. He is enough and will equip you to do His work. In your time this week, ask Him where you can be part of His work. Ask the Holy Spirit to spark a desire to know the depth and richness of Christ's love.

Leading (*facilitate your group effectively*)

Ordinary, by definition means, "with no special or distinctive features; normal." At times, our society can covert messages on a variety of platforms, urging us to be anything but ordinary. Yet, let's consider what message the Bible communicates to us. What message is being sent by Jesus selecting "ordinary" or common fisherman? How did God equip them for good works he prepared long ago? Who does God say you are? During group, listen well to the responses. Determine who might be struggling with the idea of being "ordinary". How might you speak life into that without fixing or rescuing? Redirect their attention from their own inadequacies toward a heavenly father who is extraordinary, which by definition is "very unusual or remarkable".

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

For this series, we are going to "camp out" on the idea that God has already given us what it takes to accomplish everything He has for us. As God calls us to partner with Him, he also closes any gaps we may have when it comes to perceived inadequacies. Spend some intentional time outside of your weekly gathering and ask your group members to consider how God has closed gaps for them before and how He might currently be doing that now. Ask them to seek God for the opportunity to be reminded of how our obedience, coupled with His faithfulness, has brought Him glory in the past and how that looks still today. Then directly ask them to write down a time where they knew God met them in the gap and equipped them for the next "hard thing". Finally, if prompted to do so, you might ask someone to share in group next week.

Life Group Leader Announcement (*leader specific info*)

- Save the date!!! Life Group Leader Workshop on Intentional Leadership happening March 7th, 2021! Registration link and details coming soon!

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

- The Gathering for women is happening February 11, 2021 at 7 PM. Registration details on the website!

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*)
Share a time when you felt unqualified, but God showed up.

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 17:24-27 ESV, Matthew 16:13-18 ESV, John 21:15-21 ESV, Luke 9:46-56 ESV, 1 John 4:7-8 ESV, Acts 4:13 ESV

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. God doesn’t need us to be enough; he closes the gap.
2. Our inadequacies allow God to receive the glory for his work in our lives.
3. When we’re with Jesus, people’s perception of us should change.
4. Jesus is inviting each of us to join him in his work.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. Why do you think God chooses to use ordinary people for extraordinary tasks?
2. God doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the called. What does that mean to you?
3. What do you feel God is calling you to right now and how might you be disqualifying or over-qualifying yourself for that call?
4. Pair up with another group member throughout the week for accountability and to encourage them to step into what God has called them to.

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*)

