

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE OVERCOMER

Week 5: September 16-22

Introduce Guests/Share Life: *How has this week been going? Good? Bad? Ugly? Things to celebrate?*

Open in Prayer: *Include any prayer needs that came up while you were sharing life together.*

Recall the Guidelines: *Ask: "What is the purpose of the guidelines?" Answer: To be relational!*

Share the Vision: *At group, not only will we engage one another in relational discipleship every week, but we will also practice a method for studying the Bible that you can reproduce and use to disciple others!*

Ask someone to retell last week's story (Luke 9:57-62).

Hook Question: What is something that happened to you recently that you were excited about and really wanted to share it with others?

Ask someone from your team to read or tell the following background for the story:

As Jesus traveled around Galilee with His disciples, He helped many people and performed many miracles. The more God's power was demonstrated through Jesus, the more famous He became. As His popularity grew, crowds would gather to find Him.

Jesus did not come to earth the first time to become an earthly king; however, there were some who wanted to make Him king (John 6:15). While Jesus was unpopular with some people – like the Pharisees – He was very popular with the crowds in Galilee. So popular that He would often have to make an effort to divert the energy and attention of the crowds so that He could focus on His primary mission: training His disciples and dying as the suffering servant for the sins of the world.

Sometimes, when the crowds got large, Jesus would take off and be by Himself to pray (Luke 5:16). At other times, Jesus would tell the people He healed to not tell anyone else what happened (Mark 7:36). Even though He told them not to say anything, when something so wonderful occurs in a person's life, it is only human nature to spread the word! With that, this is where our story begins...

Tell the story from Mark 7:31-37: *Use different storytellers. Teach people to share God's Word!*

Rebuild the story: *Group members retell the story based on what they remember.*

Read Mark 7:31-37: *Ask the group to read these verses.*

Discussion Questions: learn to talk about God's Word...

Head
Questions:
Quicker
tempo.

- Why do you think the crowds decided to tell others even though Jesus asked them to stay silent?
- Based on the background, why was Jesus asking the crowds to not spread the word yet?
- What can you learn about Jesus in this story?

- How do you relate to this story?
- What is Jesus trying to teach you tonight?
 - How do you need to apply what He is teaching you to your life?
- Who could retell the story for us right here one last time?

Heart Questions:
Slow down & wait!

Ask for a volunteer to tell the Bible story next week.

Close in prayer.

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Preparing for 401

Jesus's strategy for discipleship is a simple strategy. Anyone can learn to do it! However, developing your skills as a disciple-maker is just like any other worthwhile skillset – it takes practice. No one starts playing the piano as a great concert pianist, and no one can become a great pianist without starting. So it is with discipleship. We must start in order to develop our skills.

401 is all about helping you grow as a disciple of Jesus and strengthen your skills in discipling others. If you are new to discipleship, 401 will help you identify and work on the basics. If you have been discipling for a while, you will refocus and refine old skills, self-evaluate your recent efforts, and have opportunities to speak into the lives of others who are on the discipleship journey with you.

Our 401: Ongoing Discipleship Training is open to anyone who wants to grow as a disciple and improve their skills in discipleship. We want to encourage you to set aside time this next week to do two important tasks:

1. [Register yourself for 401](#)
2. Contact people in your group and ask them to [attend 401](#) with you

401 is coming up quickly, so please make these tasks a priority in your week! If you have any questions about 401, contact your group leader, coach, or our Group Pastor (Brandon Werner). Let's stay focused and motivated to make Jesus's mission primary in our lives! See you at 401!