

Group Leader Tools

Be Brave.

Conversation Starters

Read and discuss

In looking at the bravery Jesus exhibited in his life, "it was always about the person. About what was going to wake them up, point them to God, draw them into the wild and beautiful Kingdom. Bravery isn't bravery if your ego and need to be right get in the way. True bravery is bold love. True bravery is being like Jesus." Introduction to Section 3

"I'm constantly amazed at the reasons people give for not having important conversation. They hold back for fear they'll be misunderstood or because they think they don't know enough to share about Jesus. This is pride in disguise." Chapter 15

"Jesus' was full of grace and truth, but many of us tend to favor one or the other. Know your tendency." Chapter 14

Discussion Questions

1. Who do you know who speaks boldly and courageously about Jesus in their interaction with others while also demonstrating kindness and presence? Please describe.
2. Confrontation does not always equal courage. How do we differentiate the kind of courage exhibited by Jesus, and that which has caused much destruction throughout history?
3. Read Matthew 16:21-26
 - a. Who is the recipient of Jesus' bold words? Why is this important?
 - b. Putting yourself in Peter's position, how would Jesus' words have landed on you. How do you think you would have responded?
 - c. How do you see love in Jesus' words?
 - d. Are there areas, relationships, where you are tempted to live in contradiction to what you believe to be the will of God, perhaps for very understandable reasons? (Like Peter not wanting Jesus to suffer.)
 - e. How does this story speak to you?
4. What chapter in this week's reading most resonated with you? Why? (Find Your Barley Field; Stand Alone (When Necessary); Say Something Crazy; Be Full of Grace (and Truth); Relinquish Control)



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Group Prayer

Take a moment to be quiet before God and one another, and ask the question: Is there a place of fear in your life that is holding you back from the wildly loving life God has for you?

Invite anyone who wants to, to share.

Pray for wisdom and courage to walk forward in the way of Jesus.

