



March 31, 2016

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Brave Journey week 1

SERIES & WEEK

Jesus is calling us to an adventure.

KNOW

Commit to this adventure for the next 5 weeks

DO

## Heads Up

Being brave isn't about being fearless. It's about moving forward in spite of fear. For the next few weeks we are talking about being brave and the adventure that God calls us to. As we lead students in this, let's model what we are teaching by allowing God to call us to new places as leaders. God is all about adventure.

## Large Group Game

### ***Campus Choice***

***Campuses will choose the game of their choice this week***

## Breakout Group

### **Breakout Group Questions**

Each student will receive a piece of paper with three prompts. Start off your time by filling out the first two:

1. Write down ONE word that comes to mind when you think about adventure.
2. List 3 ways that people can get prepped for an adventure.

***Set aside papers and go into discussion, using these questions as prompts:***

Tell us about a time that you went on an adventure.

If you had been Peter, how do you think you would have responded to Jesus?

In what ways does Jesus call teens to adventure today?

***To finish up, have everyone go back and answer the third question:***

3. What adventure is Jesus calling you to? What are some things you'd need in order to be prepared for this adventure? Who are some people that you'd like to bring along for the adventure?

***Point:*** The point of this activity is to show students that discovering what the adventure is that God's calling you to doesn't just start automatically, but comes with prepping and accountability.



## LARGE GROUP

### **BRAVE 2016 Journey wk 1**

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- Welcome to the first week of the Journey.
  - Journey is this thing that we do around here once a year that brings the whole church together, talking about the same thing.
- To help us understand what this Journey is all about this year we need to identify the thing that all these have in common
  - **SLIDE:** [Harry Potter](#)
  - **SLIDE:** [Star Wars](#)
  - **SLIDE:** [Chronicles of Narnia](#)
  - **SLIDE:** [Kung Fu Panda](#)
  - **SLIDE:** [Hunger Games](#)
    - These stories strike some chord within us. Not just because they are fun to watch or have cool special effects.
    - Because they tell a story about how someone had to accomplish a certain task - their mission - by going on an adventure.
- **Adventure vs Fearless**
  - Adventure isn't the absence of fear
  - Adventure is understanding the risk and still going for it
    - People who are fearless are dumb
    - People who recognize the risk, determine if its worth it, and then go for it are BRAVE.
      - **SLIDE:** ADVENTURE is for the BRAVE
    - **Presenter tell a story of a time where you were fearless and contrast that with what adventure really is**
  - We see this all throughout history.
    - **Presenter mention people through history who have been brave and taken an adventure.**
- **Let's take a look at a guy named Peter.**
  - Things we should know about Peter:
    - His full name is Simon Peter.
    - He's a fisherman.
      - This means he worked overnight, because the fish were out while it was dark.
      - This was a job for people who were a little rougher around the edges. It's not like Peter was wearing a suit every day down to the lake.
    - He's first introduced to us when Jesus interacts with him.
      - **SLIDE:** Luke 5:2-3 -- "He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there."

- Imagine this--you've been working *all night long*, you're getting ready to wrap up and head home for the day, and you see some random guy climbing into your boat!
  - After Jesus is done talking, he tells Peter to go further out and let down his nets.
    - **SLIDE:** Luke 5:5-6 -- "'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again.' And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!"
  - Peter sees this and realizes that Jesus is the real deal. After they land, Peter and his partners leave their boats and follow Jesus.
- Peter had a choice to make a few different times in this story.
  - He could have kicked Jesus out of his boat right after he climbed in.
  - He could have chosen not to throw his nets over, especially after the way his night went.
  - He could have kept all of the fish they caught and just kept living as a fisherman.
- The risks that Peter did end up taking sent him on the mission that God had created him for; this guy was part of a movement that has and still is literally changing the world.
- It all started by taking those risks and saying "yes" to Jesus.
- We are presented with these same situations today.
  - There are three things that we can learn about mission and adventure from this story in Peter's life:
    - **SLIDE: 1) Adventure never goes with the norm.**
      - Can you imagine what the other fishermen thought when Jesus stepped into the boat? And when they set out to go fishing? They would have been one of the only ones on the lake.
    - **SLIDE: 2) Adventure requires obedience.**
      - What if Peter had refused to listen to Jesus? He wouldn't have experienced God like he did. He'd just be another dude who cussed and smelled like fish.
    - **SLIDE: 3) Adventure uses ordinary things for extraordinary results.**
      - **SLIDE:** Luke 5:9-11 -- "For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, 'Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!' And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus."
      - Jesus saw the strengths that Peter had and was going to show Peter how to use those strengths for a new mission.
  - Whether we are old or young, God is calling us all to an adventure.
    - **Presenter tell a story of how God used your strengths for an adventure similar to Peter's.**
- So what does this mean for us as students?
  - Maybe you've never thought about the idea of being Brave
  - Maybe you've never considered yourself Brave, but you sense God calling you to something new.
    - The next 5 weeks we are going to focus on what it means to be brave and to go on adventure with God and with each other.
  - **Presenter close with prayer and asking students to commit to the 5 week journey.**



## Prep Needs

### Large Group

- None

### Breakout Group

#### Per Student:

- Live Bible
- Pen
- 1 page with three prompts (Brave branded piece of paper with these 3 prompts -- Write down ONE word that comes to mind when you think about adventure.; List 3 ways that people can get prepped for an adventure.; What adventure is Jesus calling you to? What are some things you'd need in order to be prepared for this adventure? Who are some people that you'd like to bring along for the adventure?)

### A/V Needs:

1. **Countdown**
2. **SLIDE: Title**
3. **SLIDE: Video-**
4. **SLIDE: Title-**
5. **SLIDE: [Harry Potter](#)**
6. **SLIDE: [Star Wars](#)**
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