

Greater Small Group Study

Week 2 (Sept 16 - 22)

Questions to address

- **Quote at the bottom of page 41:** One reason we feel insecure in our relationship with God is because we're comparing our behind-the-scenes footage to everybody else's highlight reel.
 - Question: Have you fallen for this trap before? If so, why? What truth do you need to believe instead?
- **#3 (page 43):** What would look different if you approached your part and God's part in bringing about a greater life not as either/or but as both/and?
 - TIP: Reading the paragraph associated with question three may help set people's mindset for answering this question. Either wait and see if people get stuck answering the question before reading the paragraph; or, read it from the onset. Leader's choice.
 - TIP #2: Reading the quote at the bottom of page 43 might also help with this discussion. The goal here is to get people to see we are active participants in God's work (and miracles for that matter!). Peter had to step out of the boat in order to walk on water; Paul had to touch someone in order for them to be healed; SCC couldn't sell land if someone didn't make a deal. ***We are not idle spectators, we are active participants!***
- **#8 (page 46):** What ditches is God calling you to dig? If you're not sure, what might help you figure it out?
 - TIP: Be patient and encouraging here! ***Allow for some potential awkward silence while God puts ideas on people's heart, but also while he gives them the courage to speak up.*** This is an important application step, so don't rush it too quickly. You might also consider pausing the discussion and praying as a group right here to specifically invite God to reveal some ideas to the members of the group. ***Answering this question could be personal and emotional for someone, so be encouraging and supportive of them.***
- **#10 (page 47):** The best way to get over the paralysis that keeps us from acting is to start small. What's the very first small step you need to take toward your greater future?
 - TIP: The quote at the bottom of page 47 may help people answer the question, and could also be used as encouragement for people to follow through on their answer to number 10. Leader's choice on incorporating the quote.

Points to make

- At a minimum, discuss the questions above during your small group. Other recommended questions from the book:
 - **#1 (page 42)** - will also have to read the previous paragraph about Guitar Hero
 - **#4 (page 44)** - examples of people in your life
 - **#5 (page 45)** - words of affirmation
- Reminder...don't read the book! Use it as a conversation enabler, not as a lecture.
- Be prepared! Read through the whole chapter and be familiar with the material. Doing so will help foster fluid and healthy conversations.