



# IMMANUEL CHURCH

**Conversation Starter:** License to Franchise  
April 9, 2017

**Opening Questions:**

- Share about a talent or skill you wish you had; what would it take for you to attain it? Today, are you *capable* of that skill? What's the difference between being capable of something and being able to actually do it?
- When it comes to your faith, what are you *capable* of? What's holding you back from living beyond your capacity as a Christ-follower? What's missing?

**Looking at Scripture:**

- Read **Mark 7:31-37...** Imagine what emotions would have been present for Jesus and this man as the man heard the birds for the first time; what are those emotions? Is that how you'd feel if Jesus enabled you to do something you didn't think you had the capacity for?
- From a communication perspective, this man was now able to communicate at a level he couldn't have before this moment. Perhaps there are parts of your life that simply need a deeper understanding of or more capacity for...what might those things be for you?
- Have you ever felt like the Christian life is just too hard? Maybe too confusing? Too complicated? Is it possible we need to be enabled to do something as simple as following Jesus? Having ears to hear and words to say? Explain your answer.
- What's your definition of empowerment? When Jesus empowers us to do something, what does that mean?

**Application Questions:**

- The bottom line this week was: **HIS ABILITY IS NOT LIMITED BY OUR CAPACITY.** Where do you need a lamp? Where do you find yourself saying things like, "coulda, woulda, shoulda?" What are the things you don't think you have the capacity for but sense God calling you beyond your capabilities?
- Read **Ephesians 3:20...** What is the limiting factor in our life with Jesus? How do you feel about that?
- What will it look like if the Lord moves you from potential to actual? What happens if you take a step of faith? What happens if you make the bold ask for Christ's enabling power to do that thing you've been afraid to do? The thing beyond your capacity...
- Share some of what's on your "Infinitely Beyond" list. What are the things that are beyond your capacity? How can the group be praying for you; asking God to empower you to move beyond?

*End your time together praying for each other according to their requests. Ask God to empower each person to trust him enough to free them from their capacity.*