



Icebreaker:

Tell us where you are from and what it was like growing up in your home? What was your first job... your first car?

Announcements:

Please take a couple minutes to go over the Guidelines for Healthy Groups. This is a good reminder for us even if your group has worked through these before.

Our parking lot is now finished and the metal building is expected to be delivered this week. We should start seeing our auditorium take shape within days. PTL!

Prayer Time:

Please pray for our youth pastor search.
What are some needs in our group?

Study Questions:

Read Mark 6:1-6. What problem did the people of Nazareth have with Jesus? Could the phrase- "familiarity breeds contempt"- be true here? Why? How did Jesus view the people? How did their lack of faith impact their lives and community? What does this passage tell us about the role of faith in unlocking God's power?

How does small thinking inhibit the things God wants to do in us and through us? In what ways can negative self talk saying- 'I can't" or "I'm not good enough" prevent us from being all God wants us to be? How have you seen negative self talk impact others?

How can playing it safe and avoiding risks cause us to miss out on something significant God wants to do in us and through us. What can we miss out on when we play it safe in the following areas: in regard to making ourselves known as a Christ follower- the use of our gifts and talents- our willingness to tithe and practice radical generosity?

What do the following verse say about small thinking, risk taking, and playing it safe: Mathew 6:19-21; Ephesians 3:20-21; Proverbs 3:5-6.

Read Luke 7:1-10- contrast the Centurion to the people of Nazareth- how did they view Jesus- how did they respond to Jesus- what was the outcome of their level of faith? Why is faith so important in unlocking miracles in our lives- see Hebrews 11:6. What are some ways people can take a new step towards a bigger, bolder faith?

Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...