

TALK IT OVER

FROM MISSED MOMENTS TO MIRACLES

ICEBREAKER (Start Talking)

Do you believe miracles are happening today? Why/why not?

READ (Start Sharing)

In life, we can overwork ourselves daily, only to feel like we haven't moved an inch. Read **Luke 5:5***. Simon gave his best, and in his flesh, was ready to quit. Then, Jesus met him where he was, asked for his faith in action, and delivered him in a way that changed his life forever. **Has Jesus ever met you where you were at? If so, explain how. If not, what can you do to make more time to seek Him out in your life?**

READ (Start Sharing)

When we show up in faith and trust Jesus, He will help meet all our needs. Read **Matthew 14:16-17&21****. Through the faith of those that showed up and the action of those who offered 5 bread loaves & 2 fish, Jesus fed everyone.

Where do you need Jesus to "feed" you? In what ways can you offer Him more in your faith? (Ex. time in prayer, devotionals, serving, giving/tithing, fellowship, etc.)

READ (Start Sharing)

Sometimes we miss miracles because we are only thinking of ourselves. Read **Mark 2:5&11*****. It was the faith of others, serving & sacrificing for the paralyzed man that caught Jesus' attention and warranted an answered prayer and miracle.

Is there anyone you know that needs a miracle or an answered prayer? What can you do to bring them closer to Jesus for relief? (Ex. Serve them, invite to church, etc.)

WHAT WILL YOU DO (Start Doing)

Look for Jesus & His miracles in everything. Put your faith into action by showing up, serving others, & trusting God.

PRAYER (Start Praying)

Dear God, thank You for the miracles You have done, are doing and will do in my life. Help me to see them clearer by looking for You and putting my faith into action by giving my best and trusting You with the rest. In Jesus' name, amen.

READ GOD'S WORD DAILY using S.O.A.P.

Day 1:

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

-*Luke 5:5 (NIV)

Day 2:

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered... The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

-Matthew 14:16-17&21 (NIV)**

Day 3:

"If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes." - Mark 9:23 (NIV)

Day 4:

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven... get up, take your mat and go home"

-*Mark 2:5&11 (NIV)**

Day 5:

"And without faith, it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

-Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

TIPS FOR ONLINE SMALL GROUP

- 1. HOSTING A SMALL GROUP MEETING ON ZOOM.** If you are interested in hosting a small group on zoom through New Hope Windward, let us know. Our small group team will help you get started. Zoom training is available.
- 2. EMAIL INVITE.** Ensure to send out a calendar invite with the meeting details and how to connect to the meeting platform on zoom.
- 3. REMINDER DURING THE WEEK.** Keep everyone in your group connected by sending a reminder during the week of your upcoming small group meeting.
- 4. START ON TIME & STICK TO YOUR TIME SCHEDULE.** For your scheduled meetings, it's recommended to get started within 5 minutes of your scheduled start time. Most small group meetings are held for about 60 minutes.
- 5. ZOOM'S BEST PRACTICE.** Familiarize yourself with the Zoom features on your electronic device. It is helpful for everyone to know where the mute button is located. Ask the attendees to self-mute to avoid environmental noise when someone else is talking & sharing. Doing this will help with the flow of your SG discussion time.
- 6. DOWNLOAD ZOOM APP.** In order to participate in the Online Small Group, download the Zoom App from your iPhone or Android. You may also download the Zoom App from your laptop PC or iPad device.

TIPS TO IN-PERSON GROUP

- 1. START & FINISH ON TIME.** Doing this will show your small group you value their time.
- 2. BE COMFORTABLE WITH SILENCE.** Uncomfortable silences are bound to happen. It's okay! A long pause during a group discussion can be powerful. A *pause* gives space for quieter people to break into the conversation; silence allows people to figure out exactly what they would like to say.
- 3. CONFIDENTIALITY IS IMPORTANT.** Confidentiality is the key to building trust in relationships. Here are a few mottos to remember to be confidential: "What is said in small group, stays in small group." **Nothing, nobody, never...** *"Share nothing, to nobody, never"* outside of the group.
- 4. MAKE GROUP A PRIORITY.** Communicate in advance when you will be unable to attend by either calling and/or texting your host or responding to the zoom email invitation by accepting or declining. This will help your host to plan accordingly especially if it is an in person small group gathering.
- 5. AVOID TALKING or TEACHING TOO MUCH.** Small groups are designed for everyone to share and grow together.
- 6. ASK FOR HELP.** The Small Group Ministry is here to help. Email smallgroups@nhww.org to ask any questions, request training or other assistance for your Small Group.