

Life Group Discussion Guide

EXTRAORDINARY

Matthew 10

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INTRODUCTION

People who followed Jesus in the first century were surprisingly ordinary. They came from all walks of life. They had ordinary emotions. Doubt, fear, anxiety and hesitancy didn't immediately disappear when they decided to follow Christ.

Most Christians today can relate. While we would like to be "all in" and totally confident in our faith, there are times when negative thoughts creep into our lives. As we consider how Jesus stuck with His early disciples, we can be confident He will stick with us.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Have you ever been afraid because of something you were asked to do like the disciples being asked by Jesus to go out or the new tennis players Stuart mentioned? Tell the group about it. Why were you afraid?
2. Now tell the group about something you started with great trepidation, yet finished with great confidence in yourself?

EVALUATE IT

1. Answer the question Stuart asked in his sermon, "How do we join Jesus in His mission?"
2. Read Matthew 16:18b. How can Jesus be so confident that such an extraordinary mixture can complete the extraordinary work? How do churches, filled with such varied and different people accomplish the work given to us by Christ?
3. Stuart asked, "Why don't we bring up Jesus or church with the ordinary people in the ordinary moments of life?" Answer his question. Why does bringing up the word Jesus cause such anxiety?
4. Read Acts 4:13. How do these the disciples go from being "green" and fearful to the fearless communicators of the Gospel in the book of Acts? What can we learn from their transformation? How does Jesus, as Stuart said, "fill us up with extraordinary confidence?"

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What about bringing up Jesus or church with the ordinary people in the ordinary moments of life causes you the greatest anxiety?
2. Like the disciples, how can you go from anxiety to confidence? What does that process look like for you?



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