



SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember Prayer is your greatest preparation!

Your group's success depends less on you than you might think and more on God than you realize. It's not about your abilities, your personality traits, or getting extensive training. It is about what Jesus said:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me." [John 15:5]

So pray, and trust God to do great things in your group!

Ice Breaker

- What is your favorite "underdog" story/movie?

Into the Word:

1) What was your "Aha!" moment from this weekend's message?

Read Isaiah 55

2) Verses 1 and 2 seem to be comparing the "treasures" we work for versus the ones God freely gives to the thirsty. How do these verses communicate our need for God and His mercy & grace?

3) How does our need for grace automatically make us an underdog? (Re-read v. 7 if necessary)

Leader Teaching Tip: Thirsty people need something they cannot provide but must seek.

4) How do verses 8-9 challenge you? How do these verses impact how we view each of the following areas:

- Human wisdom
- Current circumstances
- Salvation by works vs. by grace only

Apply the Word:

5) Where or how do you feel like an Underdog?

6) What excuse do you lean on to limit or excuse what God wants to do through you?

7) How could that excuse be the "entry point" for God's work in your life?

Prayer time:

Suggested sentence prayer

God, I embrace {excuse/underdog status}; help me to depend more on you.