



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 one of your favorite "underdog" movies or stories? Why do you like it specifically?

Into the Word:

- 1) What is one takeaway from the message that really impacted you?

Read 1 Samuel 13:5-6, then 13:15, 13:22, then finally vs 14:1-14

Leader Tip: This story is a very lopsided battle of Saul vs. the Philistines. The verses in chapter 13 will help set the stage for the very difficult and challenging situation Jonathan and the Israelites are facing.

- 2) What are some valid reasons for Jonathan to be uncertain about the outcomes he is facing?

- 3) What are some reasons for Jonathan to believe he could win the battle?

Leader Tip: God's promises to the Israelites are real. Jonathan was living in the reality of God's desire to bless Israel for His own glory, although he knew Israel had been disobedient.

- 4) Israel was living under Philistine control due to their own sin and disobedience. Why could a new courageous leader be an instrument for God to change this situation?

- 5) In your own words, describe how Jonathan dealt with uncertainty in this situation? What would his "method" be?

Apply the Word:

- 6) What can we learn from Jonathan to apply to our own lives about uncertainty?

Leader Tip: One might say that focusing on God's promises and God's will should be our first focus. God's faithfulness and goodness to the Israelites should inspire faith in us all. Also, God uses one willing person with courage to move many people by their example.

7) What area of your life has uncertainty? Describe it and how it is difficult or challenging.

8) How can this group pray for you and support you to go forward trusting in God?

Prayer Time:

- Pray for each person in the group (If needed, split up into pairs or into groups of three) about the answer from above.