



**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!**

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**Ice Breaker:**

- Share a time in your life when you did NOT get picked, invited, etc.

**Into the Word:**

Read [Isaiah 42:8](#)

- 1) How does this verse define our role and lives?
- 2) How does this verse invite repentance?
- 3) What are some typical ways you compete for God's glory?
- 4) Imagine if you really let God be God, and sought to live for His praise and not yours. How would doing so make you MORE free? MORE focused?

**Apply the Word:**

- 5) What is the biggest takeaway from the message and the life of John the Baptist that you are still processing?
- 6) Which temptation most entices you:
  - To compare yourself with others?
  - To pursue approval from people over God?
  - To define excellence & success the way the world does?
- 7) What "NOT" are you receiving right now? How can you embrace this "not" while following and exalting Jesus?

## **Prayer Time**

*Suggested Sentence Prayer:*

*"God, I thank You that I am NOT \_\_\_\_\_ so I accept Your invitation to be more faithful to who You called me to be."*