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Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

What is one interesting fact about you?

SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Ronnie talked about fear, the human desire to be extraordinary and what this looks like from God's perspective. Before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

What's one word that would describe how you're feeling today?

What is one thing you feel like God is teaching you right now?

What was the most challenging part of your week?

What was the highlight of your week?

GROW

Read John 4:1-29

In this scripture we see how Jesus is incredibly purposeful in all he does, making himself always available and he is all of this because he sees us. Because of God's deep love for us, he is interested in every part of our human make-up. As Jesus and his disciples were traveling, they made a pit stop in a town called Samaria. They were tired and hungry. Jesus went up to Jacob's well to grab a drink, in the middle of the day. A woman was there, purposely in the middle of the day and sees this man walk up. Without knowing who Jesus is, he seems as just an ordinary Jewish man, who is thirsty. But the story drastically shifts when Jesus asks the woman for a drink.

Why did she seem surprised he asked "her" for a drink?

As Ronnie preached this week, God takes ordinary people and gave them Jesus so that they could live extraordinary lives. Jesus purposefully goes to this well knowing, because he is God in human flesh, that this woman was going to be there and was in need of "living water." And he also knew her story would not end there. This appointed time with Jesus, changed her life forever. According to society and her lifestyle this woman was considered less than ordinary. But because of Jesus, she experienced something extraordinary and it started a revival in her, throughout her town and beyond!

Tell of a time when you felt "seen" by God. How did this change you?

Who is one person in your life that needs this "living water" God provides? Commit to praying for them and that God will make you aware of opportunities this week to share with them the Gospel!

M O V E

Read Acts 4:1-14

From this small piece Peter and John's story, where did you see God in it?

The invitation of God is to believe in him. That's it. To fully trust him and his work in and through us. When we do this our lives go from ordinary to extraordinary. Not because of

anything we can do or have done but because of who Jesus Christ is. Because of this, we can all rest.

Peter and John made themselves available to the God given calling on their life and were spreading the Gospel while seeing thousands of people saved leaving people “astonished and taking note that they have been with Jesus” (v. 13).

When people see your life, are they “taking note that you have been with Jesus”?

This scripture tells us that these men were “unschooled, ordinary men” (v. 13) but a few verses earlier it states that they were “filled with the Holy Spirit” (v. 8). They could not do what they were called to do without the Spirit alive and active within them. All fear left them, having courage because they were confident that God was with them. This is the same with us. To live a life without fear we must remember that God is with us and he is active within us, desiring to use our stories for his Kingdom and for his glory. We just have to believe and make ourselves available.

What are some practical ways that you could make yourself more available for God to use you this week?

What is one way you can change up your rhythm this week to create more space with God? Maybe it's getting up earlier and just sitting in quiet with Him. Possibly driving in silence and just listening to God speak to you. Or maybe it's taking a walk and talking with Him. Whatever it may be, create intentional space.

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

T O G O

“The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

- *Psalm 23:1*