

# PREPARE FOR IMPOSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES

## ICEBREAKER

What did you learn about how the next generation connects online?

Share a time that you were able to maximize an opportunity because you were well prepared?

## PRAYER

Open your time together today praying for the three parts of the Greater Things vision:

- *REACH MORE PEOPLE THAN WE EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE*
- *RAISE THE STRONGEST GENERATION*
- *PREPARE FOR IMPOSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES*

## QUESTIONS

- What part of the Greater Things vision has most excited you?
- Share personally how debt has impacted your life or family? Are there times you have had to pass on opportunities in life because of debt?
- Pastor John has shared about churches that have approached Connection Pointe to take over their building and congregation because of finances or aging of the congregation. Putting

yourself in the shoes of our brothers and sisters in those churches, why is it so important for us to prepare financially for the future and for impossible opportunities?

- Read Matthew 9:27-31. Why do you think Jesus didn't respond immediately to the blind men's pleas? When is a time in life when God may have had you wait but as a result your faith was increased?

MATTHEW 9:27-31

*27 After Jesus left the girl's home, two blind men followed along behind him, shouting, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" 28 They went right into the house where he was staying, and Jesus asked them, "Do you believe I can make you see?" "Yes, Lord," they told him, "we do." 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith, it will happen." 30 Then their eyes were opened, and they could see! Jesus sternly warned them, "Don't tell anyone about this." 31 But instead, they went out and spread his fame all over the region.*

- How have you seen God do the impossible in your life or someone else's?
- Read Luke 16:10. What do you think it means to be trusted with small things? How does this verse apply to us both personally and as a church body?

LUKE 16:10

*10 "If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities.*

- Read Matthew 17:14-20. Jesus tells the disciples that they only need the faith of a mustard seed for impossible things to happen. The disciples were very familiar with how tiny the mustard seed is. How can smaller beginnings/steps/obedience result in greater things?

## MATTHEW 17:14-20

*<sup>10</sup>At the foot of the mountain, a large crowd was waiting for them. A man came and knelt before Jesus and said, <sup>15</sup>“Lord, have mercy on my son. He has seizures and suffers terribly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. <sup>16</sup>So I brought him to your disciples, but they couldn’t heal him.”*

*<sup>17</sup>Jesus said, “You faithless and corrupt people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.” <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus rebuked the demon in the boy, and it left him. From that moment the boy was well. <sup>19</sup>Afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, “Why couldn’t we cast out that demon?” <sup>20</sup>“You don’t have enough faith,” Jesus told them. “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.”*

- What in your life seems impossible right now? What greater things do you think God has for your family?
- Have you ever stepped out financially to worship God or join Him in a vision? If so, how did it change you? What did you learn?

## PRAYER

Wrap this week up praying for what God will do in and through Connection Pointe in this season. Pray together asking God to work ahead of us in the Greater Things vision, and pray expectantly that He will provide financially. Additionally, seek God together praying over your individual commitments and your heart alignment to the vision.

## BEFORE NEXT WEEK

As you wrap up this study, discuss together what you will do personally and as a group to help keep the Greater Things vision alive in your hearts and lives. An example may be each week you gather together revisit the names and the digital map you are praying over, or to pray for the names of the next generation. Together let’s declare that the Kingdom of God will expand on our watch as we boldly step into Greater Things.