



Week One

Opening Prayer

God, thank you for your love and grace. You meet us where we are and you look to move us forward. Help us say 'yes' to what you have for us. Amen.

Talk It Over

This weekend we started a new series that invites all of us to be the kind of people who serve as hero makers. In a culture that pushes us to rise as the hero, these ideas stand in contrast to cultural norms. Hero makers in this context are people who build platforms for others to stand on, value others, help others win, and focus on the team win.

- Who is your favorite fictitious superhero? Why did you pick them as your favorite?
- Who is your favorite real-life hero? What is it about this person you respect so much?
- Who in your life has served as a hero maker for you?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (AMP)

Central to this series and this weekend's talk is the idea that we all have power, influence, and authority. Power, influence, and authority may come in all sorts of forms and variants, but the idea is we all have it. In turn, the question for all of us is how will we use our power, influence, and authority?

- In what areas or ways do you see you have power, influence, or authority?
- In what ways do you see you are using your power, influence, or authority to help others?

Read Philippians 2:3-4 (NLT)

The goal of this series is not to say goals and drive are bad. Rather, the challenge is to think about the good of others and of helping others win even when it comes to our own dreams and drive.

- Looking at your life, in what ways do your goals and drive focus on you winning?
- In what ways are your goals focused on helping others win?
- Is there a way to expand or redirect your drive and goals in such a way that helps others?
- Tell us about a time someone looked out for your good.

Read Matthew 20:25-28

- This week we looked at the question, "What if your greatest accomplishment wasn't about you?" In your own words, explain what this might mean or look like in your life.
- Who are you observing doing this hero makers stuff well? Tell us what you see these people doing. What can we learn from them?
- Tell us how you have grown in your capacity to serve others and to look out for the good of others.
- In what ways do you want to grow in your capacity to serve others and to look out for the good of others?

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- What would be a specific next right step based on what we looked at today and through this week's talk?

Closing Prayer

God, thank you for the invitation to live a life that cares for others. Help us to grow in our ability to serve others well. Empower and equip us to serve as a hero maker in our own unique, everyday life. Amen.

How To Use this Discussion Guide

The guide is meant to serve you and your group as you intentionally create space to grow in friendship and faith. Use the guide as a tool to help your unique group.

With that in mind, consider reviewing the guide before your group to see if some content or questions might resonate more or less with your group. Don't feel pressure to read all the content or to hit all the questions. The guide is not meant to be something you power through for the sake of completing. Pick the content from the guide you feel will help foster friendship and faith in your specific group.

In addition, spend some time praying for your group each week, preparing your heart, and asking God for wisdom and guidance as you lead.