



Week Four

Opening Prayer

God, thank you for being present here with us. Thank you for working in us and for your desire to work through us. Help us to hear your voice today. Help us to say 'yes' to your leadership. Amen.

Talk It Over

This week we finished the Hero Maker series by looking at a story that captures God's intent to not simply raise up hero makers, but God's intent to empower and equip hero makers who make other hero makers. And, as we talked about this whole series, we do this by helping others become all they have been designed to be through our words, actions, attitude, investment, and so on. Each of us can choose to use our power to build others up.

- Has someone ever called out gifts in you that you yourself didn't even want? Tell us about that.
- Is there someone in your life who you believe has more potential and talent than they realize? How are you or how can you help foster their gifts?

This week we read through sections of the book of Exodus which captures the story of God leading his people out of slavery in Egypt and towards the promised land under the leadership of Moses.

Read Exodus 4:10-12 (NLT) and Exodus 4:13-16 (NLT)

At the start of this story, there is no doubt that Moses feels overwhelmed by the magnitude of the task before him. Moses feels so underqualified he insists his brother partners with him by taking aspects of the job he feels the least qualified to deliver. God allows Aaron, the brother of Moses, to come along, but God does not let Moses off the hook. In other words, we observed that God recognized potential in Moses that Moses didn't see in himself. Moreover, God challenged Moses to use gifts that he didn't even believe he had.

- In what ways do you feel underqualified this season?
- Who or what do you lean on for support in the midst of feeling unqualified?
- What are some reasons that might cause us to miss out on using our gifts?
- Do you have any gifts you feel you aren't cultivating? What is holding you back from developing that gift?

Read Exodus 4:29-31 (NLT) and Exodus 5:1 (NLT)

As the story progresses, we see that Moses starts to do some of the talking — the task he was most vocal about wanting to resist.

- Have you ever watched someone start to cultivate a talent they were uncomfortable with? Tell us what you observed.
- Tell us about a gift you didn't see in yourself but have learned to cultivate, practice, and maybe even embrace.

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- Is there someone in your life you can encourage to develop a talent you know they aren't comfortable with? What are some ways you could provide encouragement to them?

Read Exodus 6:10-12 (NLT)

While Moses has started to make some progress in his own growth journey, things were not necessarily moving smoothly in the right direction. Moses was experiencing resistance with the people he was leading and with Pharaoh. From this angle of the story, we see that God's call on our lives and us walking in our potential doesn't necessarily translate to success as we define it. Moses was obeying God but his life still had struggles and work.

- Have you ever observed someone buy into the lie or have you personally bought into the lie that says following God's call will translate into easy success as defined by cultural standards? If so, tell us about the struggle you observed or your own struggle.
- What is something in your life you are currently working on without the luxury of having arrived at where you want to be?

Read Exodus 20:18-19 (NLT), Deuteronomy 31:7-8 (NLT), and Deuteronomy 34:9 (NLT)

By this part in the story, the people insist that Moses serve as their spokesman. The potential and the ability that only God had seen in Moses was now revealed and respected by the entire nation. But the story doesn't end there. Moses inevitably ends up serving as a hero maker for Joshua. It is Joshua who would take the people into the promised land.

- Can you imagine being Moses? What do you think are some of the very normal human feelings and thoughts Moses may have wrestled with when he realized where his story ended and where Joshua's would pick up?
- In what ways can you personally relate to the ideas shared and listed to the previous question?

This week we clarified the big idea of our series by stating: Hero makers don't make heroes, hero makers make other hero makers. We do this by looking for the good in others, encouraging others, investing in others, and seeing the potential in others they might not even see in themselves. And while we do that, our responsibility is to point them toward Jesus and encourage them to listen to his voice in this process.

- Who has played a crucial role in helping you hear the voice of Jesus in your own life? What did they do that impacted you so much?
- In this season, who helps point you towards Jesus and his voice? Tell us a little bit about how they fill this role well.
- Without being pushy, over the top, rude, inconsiderate, or the like, who can you help point towards the voice of Jesus? How can you help point them towards the loving voice of God?

Closing Prayer

God, thank you for inviting us to be people who make hero makers who make other hero makers. Empower and equip us to bring out the best of others and to point others towards your voice. 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.