

BIG IDEA

Thinking like a hero maker requires a shift from thinking I need to be the hero of the story to deciding to make heroes of others.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:18-20, Philippians 2:3-11

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

These are designed to get your group talking. Remember that your members don't have to contribute to every question, but the hope with the icebreaker/opening thought is that everyone will share at least once.

BIBLE DISCUSSION

Read through the scriptures slowly. Pick people to read out loud who are comfortable doing so, or pick people to read different translations. Allow your group time to sift through their thoughts (knowing that most people need time to process). Be prepared to share, but remind everyone that there is no 'one right' answer – what we're looking for engagement with the text and each other.

Some things to keep in mind with these scriptures is that Jesus always tried to include other people in the mission of God – bringing more and more people back to God. That includes you and me even when we feel that we are the farthest thing from that.

The Philippians passage is one of the oldest recorded Christian hymns (specifically verses 6-11), reminding each of us to be more like Christ, who made himself less to become more.

LIFE APPLICATION

Allow people to share, remembering that not everyone will be comfortable doing so. And that's okay because some members won't feel comfortable talking about their journeys. Be ready to share a few people in your life who have been a Hero maker for you, using both big and little examples because we know that some Hero makers are around for years, and others touch our lives a couple of times and then are gone.

CHALLENGE

We all can positively affect someone else's life, whether through our words, our encouragement, our actions, our connections, or our genuine care. Take some time this week to plan practical steps that could help you become a Hero maker in someone's life. Pray over that person and ask God to empower and embolden you.