

BIG IDEA

Blessing like a Hero Maker requires a shift from holding on to God's blessing to giving God's blessing.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 24:50-51, John 7:38, Ezekiel 47:1-12, 1 Peter 2:4-5

ICEBREAKER & OPENING THOUGHT

Use the icebreaker to get people to share stories of a DIY project that went terribly wrong. From this discussion, introduce the idea of leaving something "up to the professionals." Review with the group of how in Jesus' time, what family you were born into had the majority of influence in determining what profession you were to be. Jesus, being counter cultural as usual, didn't pick the religious elite of the day to carry the message of God – he commissioned ordinary people from various walks of life. We too have been commissioned.

BIBLE STUDY

Read the scriptures together and discuss the Great Commission. Use this scripture as an opportunity to discuss what it means to the group. Is there a sense of responsibility that is evoked? Or do some group members feel detached from it? Why or why not? Discuss the use of the analogies that are found in the scripture. Which may provide a more powerful image to members?

LIFE APPLICATION

Encourage the group to discuss where and with whom they may feel personally prompted to be a Hero Maker. Help group members identify barriers and what tools are available to help us. The idea of commissioning others may feel daunting, but when people are able to brainstorm together about challenges and solutions, it helps to build the confidence people need to take the first steps. Help group members see the possibilities that may exist for each other in being Hero Makers and commissioning others.

CHALLENGE

Henry Blackaby makes an important point that we all need to remember – it is through God's power and authority that we can undertake this mission with confidence. We are not meant to do it alone, he will equip us with whatever we may need. We just need to accept the commission!

Be a Hero Maker - For resources and tools that will help you become a Hero Maker, visit communitychristian.org/heromaker