

BIG IDEA

Winning like a Hero Maker requires a shift from counting my successes to counting Kingdom successes.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:42-44, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 6:10

ICEBREAKER AND OPENING THOUGHT

Use the icebreaker and opening thoughts to begin a conversation about evaluating success.

BIBLE STUDY

Help the group to recognize that even those closest to Jesus had a difficult time grasping this shift in thinking about success. Encourage the group to see the ultimate goal is to let this “others-first” way of Jesus permeate every area of our hearts and lives. To not focus on being a hero, but instead on becoming a Hero Maker

LIFE APPLICATION

In 1962, Brazil won its second consecutive World Cup, and its team's unquestioned star was Pelé, arguably the greatest soccer player of all time. The prevailing view is that Pelé's brilliance, expressed by the 77 goals he scored, was what brought this team to greatness. But Pelé was never the captain of that team—nor did he lobby for the job. The team's primary leader was a guy named Hilderaldo Bellini, a tough and humble central defender who, during a nine-year stint with Brazil, never scored a goal. Not one!

But Bellini knew his role was not to be the star. While Pelé became a global celebrity, Bellini took care of the every day, hourly grunt work of unifying the team. He cleaned up their mistakes with his fearless defense, often leaving the pitch bruised and bloodied, and calmly urged others forward when their confidence sagged.

Walker writes about hero makers like Bellini:

“The captains on my list were rarely exceptional talents...The leader's job wasn't to dazzle on the field but to labor in the shadows of the stars, to carry water for the team, to lead from the back.”
-Sam Walker, *The Captain Class*

CHALLENGE

Bob Buford, the author of *Half Time: Moving from Success to Significance*, wrote: “My fruit grows on other people's trees.” He carried a 3x5 card in his front pocket with about a dozen names on it. These were the names of young leaders that he would pour himself into both relationally and financially. What might that look like in your life? Take a few moments to create your own list. Share with the group one person on the list that will begin to invest with the sole goal of seeing them find success.