

Small Group Notes based on “Moving Mountains 4”

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other’s names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- Good news, the Bible teaches that we can move mountains! But let’s understand this properly:
 - Not: I can do anything I want to if I just believe enough, but
 - Rather: I can do anything God wants me to do; if I believe.
 - What do you think of that distinction? How would you apply that to your life?
- Mountain moving type scriptures:
 - **Matthew 17:20** (start at “I tell you the truth...” if you can)
 - Driving out a stubborn demon.
 - **Mark 11:23-24** – the withered fig tree.
 - **Luke 17:6** – Forgiving seven times in a day.
 - **Mark 10:27** – Rich young ruler – salvation (living the “saved” life).
 - **Philippians 4:13** – Standing in faith during lack.
- Last Week: Who moves the mountains? You do! You also resist the devil! **James 4:7**.
- This week: Mountain Moving Faith.
 - Faith accesses the power of God. If we need more of the power of God we need more faith!
- Will shame, blame and guilt help build your faith? Is that the way you have responded to a personal lack of faith in the past? What would the result of that be?
 - If you need to repent, do it now! But then move forward!!
 - Did Jesus practice what he preached? He preached **Luke 17:4-6**.
- What is faith?
 - Discuss your personal definitions and look at **Heb 11:1 and Heb 11:6**.
 - Faith has feet.
 - Faith produces action. **James 2:14-17**.
 - Pastor Mike said “You are not saved through action, you are saved to action.” What does that mean? Do you agree?
 - Faith speaks.
 - Your part is to move the mountain. How did Jesus say to do that? (He said to talk to it!)
 - I grew up thinking talk is cheap. God thinks otherwise. **Matthew 12:36-37**
 - Why do you think Jesus came out so strong on this?
 - Pastor Mike said “Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me.” is not a statement of fact but a statement of faith.” What did he mean by that? Do you agree? (The statement is meant to move the mountain of hurt feelings!)
- How do you get more faith? (Note: You can increase and decrease in faith.)
 - Paul explains that in **Romans 10:17**.
 - When you hear the truth it starts to build your faith in the truth.
 - Is “sticks and stones” in the Bible? No, but **Romans 15:1-3** is.
 - The “failings of the weak” seems to include ignorant criticisms. What do you think?
 - What are some Bible promises that we can speak out in order to move mountains?
 - **Matthew 11:28-30**. My yoke is easy...
 - **John 14:27**. My peace I give you...
 - **Matthew 6:33**. Seek first his Kingdom...
 - **James 5:114-15**. Make the sick person well.
 - **2 Corinthians 5:17**. The old is gone, the new has come.
 - There are lots more! But I hope you get the picture.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!