

CATALYST

VINEYARD CHURCH



The historian H. G. Wells said that a man's greatness can be measured by 'what he leaves to grow, and whether he started others to think along fresh lines with a vigor that persisted after him.' Wells, although not claiming to be a Christian, acknowledged: "By this test Jesus stands first."

Alexander the Great, Charlemagne (styled "The Great" even in his own lifetime), and Napoleon Bonaparte were powerful rulers. By their formidable presence, they wielded great influence over those they commanded. Yet, Napoleon is reported to have said: "Jesus Christ has influenced and commanded His subjects without His visible bodily presence." As one writer aptly expressed it: "All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully."

- 1. Sunday, July 17: Gone Fishing; Luke 5:1-11**
"Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."
- 2. Sunday, July 24: A Memorable Act; Luke 7:36-50**
"Look at this woman, kneeling here..., her sins - and they are many - have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love."
- 3. Sunday, July 31: The Lost Son Returns; Luke 15:11-24**
"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."
- 4. Sunday, August 7: A Paralytic Walks; Mark 2:1-12**
"Arise, take up your bed and walk."
- 5. Sunday August 14: The Storm is Calmed; Mark 4:35-41**
"Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
- 6. Sunday August 21: A Transformed Life; Mark 5:1-20**
"Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you,..."
- 7. Sunday August 28: Peter's Confession; Matthew 16:13-20**
"But what about you?" he said. "Who do you say I am?"
- 8. Sunday September 4: A Blind Man Sees; Mark 10:46-52**
"What do you want me to do for you?"
- 9. Sunday September 11: His Death; Mark 15:22-39**
"Surely this man was the Son of God!"
- 10. Sunday September 18: His Resurrection; Luke 24:1-12**
"Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

Follow Up Questions

After sharing the G.O.A.T. story with someone, ask these questions to initiate a spiritual conversation:

1. What stands out to you in the story?
2. Was there anything that did not make sense to you?
3. Who is Jesus and what is Jesus like?
4. What is Jesus' purpose?
5. Would you like to get to know more about Jesus?
6. If they answer "yes", then ask this question: "Can you gather some family and/or friends to hear another story about Jesus like this one?"

Follow Up Discussion Questions

LOOK BACK & CARE

Q1: What are you **THANKFUL** for?

*How did God **SHOW UP** in your life this past week?*

Q2: What **CHALLENGES OR STRESSES** are you facing in your life right now?

*Is there anything the group can do to **HELP**?*

** Pray for each other (the person to your right prays for your need immediately!)*

Q3 a: Did you follow through on your “**I WILL DO...**” statement?

b: Did you follow through on your “**I WILL TELL...**” statement?

LOOK UP & DISCOVER

HEAR from God

- READ the passage in at least 2 translations.
- Have everyone RETELL it in their own words.

REFLECT on what it says *(What STANDS OUT to you in the passage?)*

Q4: What does the passage tell us about **GOD/JESUS/HOLY SPIRIT**?

Q5: What does this passage tell us about **PEOPLE**?

RESPOND to what it says

Q6: How can you **OBEY** (put into action) what God is showing you in this passage?

Create an “I WILL DO _____” statement.

SHARE the story

Q7: Who are you going to **SHARE** this story with, and what you discovered in this passage? Align your story with the passage.

Create an “I WILL TELL _____” statement.

Discovery Group (DBS) Coaching TIPS

1. Ask questions, don't teach.
2. Try to stay in the passage.
 - a) Off Base: Where do you see that in this passage?
 - b) Off Story: Do you mind if we keep to this particular passage?
 - c) Off Mission: Instead of interpreting the passage can we stick to retelling it?
3. Focus on applying what is discovered.
4. Multiply. Find Persons of Peace who can start and lead a group of their own.
5. Pass on leadership. Either coach the Person of Peace from the outside (sidelines) or leave the Discovery Group after no more than 3 gatherings.
6. Always use a team approach (2x2).

