

No Insignificant Stories Part 3 Small Group Questions

Conversation Starter

1. In what area of life are you most important? When has God used you to make a difference in someone else's life?

Digging Deeper

1. We tend to dehumanize people and villainize people.
 - a. Where in your life do you struggle to see people who are different than you having value in God's eyes in the same way that you do? (Politics, race, region of the country, sex, attitude)
2. Read Luke 1:13-15. God answered the prayer of Zechariah. Zechariah was too old to have kids but he was still praying for children.
 - a. Is there a prayer that you have given up on in life because it's taken too long or you're too old?
3. Read Luke 2:36-38. Anna the prophetess was 84 years old and yet she still worshiped God every day.
 - a. How has your view of God changed as you have grown older? What is the role of older people in the Kingdom of God?
4. Read Luke 2:8-12. God called shepherds to witness His Son at birth. Shepherds were considered poor and dirty in the time of Jesus. They weren't allowed to testify in the court of law because their character was suspect.
 - a. How do you feel when someone shows up to church that you know to be vile?
 - b. How do we face the fact that God shows grace to people that we don't respect?
5. Read Matthew 1:21. The name "Jesus" means "savior." God was going to use Jesus to save His people from their sins.
 - a. What sin do you thank God that He has saved you from?

Gender Breakout

1. No matter who we are, we all need a Savior. Who in your life do you specifically struggle to see as valuable to God? How can we pray for God to give you grace toward that person?