

SERIES DISCUSSION GUIDE



THE LOCKER ROOM | YOU QUALIFY
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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Introduce any new people to group.
- Who is someone who has had a positive influence on your life? What did they do that made an impact?

MESSAGE RECAP

This week, Chad reminded us that the game is in our workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, families, friendships, and everyday lives. Jesus sends us into the world to participate in what God is doing.

Paul says we are Christ's ambassadors - our lives and stories are meant to play a role in God's bigger story. We represent Jesus through the way we love, serve, show mercy, and care for others. We may think, *I'm not qualified. I don't know enough. I don't have my act together.* But God isn't asking us to have all the answers or live perfect lives. He simply asks us to be available, live honestly, care for the people He places around us, and be ready to share the hope we have in Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Chad reminded us that God can use our stories—the good, bad, beautiful, and broken—to impact someone else.
 - Share about a time when someone's story impacted you.

- Why can someone's story connect with us more than someone having all the right answers?
- 2. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:20.** Paul describes followers of Jesus as Christ's ambassadors. What does it mean to be an ambassador? (*Someone sent to represent and speak on behalf of a greater authority.*)
 - As Christ's ambassadors, what might it look like to represent Him well at work, home, in your neighborhood, school or around friends?
 - How might remembering Who you represent affect the way you speak to, serve, disagree with, or treat people?
- 3. **Read 1 Peter 2:9-12.** Make a list together of the words Peter uses to describe followers of Jesus.
 - What does Peter say is the *purpose* of being a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession?
 - In verses 11-12, how does Peter say followers of Jesus should live?
 - What might it look like to live this out where God has placed you?
- 4. Chad talked about three thoughts that can keep us from participating in God's bigger story: *I'm not qualified, I don't know enough, and I don't have my act together.*
 - Which one do you relate to the most? Why?
 - How does what you read in 1 Peter 2 challenge the idea that you aren't qualified?
 - Why do we think we need to have it all together or have all the knowledge before God can use us?
 - If you don't need all the answers or a perfect life, what do you already have that God can use? (*Your story, experiences, relationships, personality and what Jesus has done in your life.*)
- 5. **Read 1 Peter 3:15.** Peter tells believers to be ready to give a reason for the hope they and to do so with gentleness and respect. Why do you think *how* we talk about our faith matters?

APPLICATION QUESTION (*This section is designed to invite group members to reflect on and do on their own.*)

1. Part of Groups is to create a space for people to share their story. If someone asked you why you have hope in Jesus, what part of your story would you want them to know?
 - This week take some time to write out your story. A simple place to start is "What are three positives and three difficult experiences in your life that have shaped who you are today? Where has God been in your story?"

LEADERS: Be prepared to share your story next week! Invite others to share as they are comfortable.

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