

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

**Date & Sermon Series:**

July 2/3, 2016; Mountains Move

Speaker:

Pastor Mark Batterson

Scripture Focus: Zechariah 4:6-10

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed how we all have mountains in our lives and faith is what helps us get through them. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion in your small group. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

Icebreaker Suggestions: Have you ever had a mountain in your life that seemed so big you couldn't see around it or over it? What was that mountain and how did you get through it?

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What thoughts are still resonating with you from the sermon?
2. What was most encouraging or challenging about this weekend's message?
3. In what ways did Zechariah 4:6-10 speak to you?

Specific Questions:

1. What is your initial reaction when you are first confronted with a mountain that seems impassible and impossible?
2. Pastor Mark says that one of the best ways to conquer your problems is to preach the promises of God to them! What are some of the promises in the Word that you can start to proclaim over your problems?
3. In this series, Pastor Mark challenged everybody, "What is the hardest thing you could believe God for during this series? What is the bravest prayer that you could pray over the next seven weeks?"
4. If you currently have a mountain in your life, what are some of the ways you can celebrate the small beginnings? If you don't currently have a mountain in your life, how can you help celebrate and support somebody else?
5. What is the difference between a molehill and a mountain? How do you make a molehill a

mountain? Similarly, how do you make a mountain a molehill?

6. What circumstances are you adapting to right now? Is there any area in your life that you are tolerating? What changes do you need to make in some of your habits and lifestyles in order to take one step forward in the right direction?

7. God honors the little steps of faith- what step can you take today to grow in your faith for tomorrow?

Challenge:

This week, pick a promise in the Word that speaks to you in your current season, write it down and put it in your pocket/purse so you can read it at all times throughout the day. Memorize it. Proclaim it. Believe it.

Read, Pray, Act:

Ask God to move your mountain(s). Pray consistently and fervently for God to work in you and in your circumstances. Pastor Mark says, "God doesn't always deliver from, but he always delivers through."

Sometimes we submit to mountains because it is easier to tolerate them and their bark is louder than their power. Keep a list this week of all of the things you refuse to submit to and remind yourself of it daily:

I refuse to submit to age...

I refuse to submit to labels...

I refuse to submit to...

I refuse to submit to...