

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Extraordinary Living

To start, discuss as a group what you think of when you hear the word "extraordinary". Then read the Scripture from the sermon: *Luke 5:17-26*.

Let's review the three incredible insights about the friends of the paralyzed man in this Scripture:

1. They were EXTRAordinary FRIENDS.

Are you willing to sacrifice for your friends? What may hold you back from paying that cost? Do you have friends who would seek for and stay with you in times of trouble?
Luke 5:18; John 15:13; Proverbs 18:24; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

2. They had EXTRAordinary FORTITUDE.

What would you have done when you saw the crowd around Jesus? Would you have found a way or walked away? What do you do today when you see an obstacle? Do you find a way around or through the obstacle, or do you give up?
Luke 5:19; Mark 2:2-5; Isaiah 53:7; Romans 5:3-5

3. They had EXTRAordinary FAITH.

An EXTRAordinary faith will always rise up and will rip the roof off every time. Are you still sitting on your own mat? What is holding you back from rising up?
Luke 5:20, 24-25; Mark 11:24; Hebrews 11

Now, let's make it even more personal.

1. Do you believe that Jesus can make anything extraordinary? Share with the group examples of when you witnessed this in your own life.
2. Do you believe that nothing truly extraordinary happens without a true connection to Jesus? Discuss the importance of a connection with Jesus.
3. Do you believe that the extraordinary happens when we get intentional about connecting people with Jesus? How has that been displayed in your life?

Make It Real

- Remember: You are capable of so much more.
- Pray daily that God will help you be intentional about connecting people with Jesus.
- Pay attention to the 'mats' in your life. Have faith and rise up.
- Look for an opportunity to be an EXTRAordinary friend this week. Share with your group about the experience.