

Greater Things Group Week 4 Discussion Guide

Recap: In the past couple weeks we've been thinking about the greater things that God has for Northshore. We talked about how it will be a journey of faith, how God will use the people of the church to accomplish it, and how God will multiply the sacrifices we make. At this stage in the project, we can begin to wonder if we can accomplish the project. So tonight, we will look at the theme that God proves nothing is too hard for Him.

Activity Opener: In your week 4 bag you'll find a dirt pod, seeds, paper cups and plastic cups. Place the paper cup in the plastic cup. Moisten the dirt pod and place the seed in the dirt and then put the planted pod in your paper cup. Congrats you now have the makings of a giant sequoia!

Reflect on the Activity: Relative to their size, giant sequoias grow extremely tall with shallow roots. They are able to do this because they intertwine their roots with other sequoias to have shared strength. How is this an image of the church? How do we support one another?

Sermon Point:

- "Is anything too hard for the Lord" – Genesis 18:14

Watch the After Party Video:

[After Party- Impossible?](#)

Discussion Time:

1. When we face difficult things, why do we feel God has abandoned us or isn't aware of the situation? Why do difficult things feel like an abnormality or interruption?
2. In Hebrew 4:14-16 it says:

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

When you reflect on the difficult moments of your life, or if you're in a difficult circumstance, can you think of moments where Jesus went through similar things?

3. How does Jesus' experiences in life help us to have confidence that God understands what we are going through?
4. Have you ever had an extended season of waiting on God? Is there anyone who would be willing to share about their experience and how God eventually delivered? Is there anyone who is in an extended season that would be willing to share what they've been

waiting on?

5. In Genesis 18, Abraham and Sarah believed that God could not deliver on his promise because of their circumstances. In verse 14 God says to Abraham, “is anything too hard for the Lord?” How does that question strike you? Do you find it easy to believe in theory and hard in practice?
6. Scotty said we can feel like things are too hard for us, but his question to Abraham reminds us that it isn’t about what we’re capable of, but what God is capable of. What does that teach us about the circumstances we face in our life?
7. How does God’s question to Abraham intersect with the goals and vision for our church? Is any of our resistance rooted in believing that the circumstances are too big to overcome?

Prayer Time:

This topic may have raised some vulnerable or painful things that people shared, so we want to spend some extended time praying over those things. You can also invite anyone to share anything they haven’t shared already that they would like to receive prayer for. Encourage several people in the group to pray rather than just one person pray for everyone.