



Movies At The Cove

Week 2 - The Impossible

Discussion Guide

Life as we know it can change in an instant. We see this in the movie, *The Impossible*: we are not promised one more day or opportunity. How can we be prepared for whatever impossible situation we face? And more importantly, how can we live our lives for Jesus, taking no opportunity for granted in our efforts to reach others for Him, knowing that their impossible moment is coming?

Jump Start

1. Tell of a time when you lost something important. How did you feel? What “extreme measures” did you use to find it?
2. Read [Matthew 5:13-16](#). Jesus tells us we are salt and light. What are some practical uses for salt, and how do they apply to us? What did Jesus mean when He said, “Let your light shine”?
3. Read [Luke 19:10 and John 3:17](#). What was Jesus’ primary goal when He was on earth? If you claim to follow Jesus, how should this affect your own goals? Would you say your current goals are in alignment with His mission?
4. Read [Luke 15:3-7](#). What would staying with the ninety-nine look like? What are the dangers of leaving them? What does that look like in today’s society? How good are you at leaving your place of comfort to bring someone to God?
5. Final Thought: When you are praying for someone who is lost, and nothing seems to be happening, it’s easy to become frustrated, discouraged, and give up hope. Keep praying. Keep believing. Keep sharing your faith. Keep reaching out. Whatever you do, never, ever give up. If God is willing to be patient and work with someone for as long as it takes, we should do the same. Who are you praying for, encouraging, and reaching out to right now?

Deeper

Right after the “Parable of the Lost Sheep,” Jesus told another story. Read [Luke 15:11-32](#). This is the story of a father and his rebellious son.

6. In verses 11-12, what does the son ask for? How does he ask? How does the father respond in verse 12b? How do you think the father feels?

7. Now look at the description of the son's adventures in verses 13-16. Look also at verse 30. What words in that paragraph describe the fact that he is living a wild, sin-filled life? For a Jewish person, what is especially sinful and disgusting about what he does in verses 15-16? According to verse 16, what effect is the son's wasteful, sinful lifestyle finally having on him?
8. In verses 17-20, what words and phrases describe what "repentance" consists of for this young man? How do these observations describe what true repentance is?
9. Look at the father's reaction in verse 20. What clues do you find that show the father has been waiting for his son's return? In verses 20-24, what strong, emotional words do you see that describe an extravagant welcome? What did the son do to deserve such a wonderful welcome? Why did the father welcome him like this?
10. Think of a time when someone extended "grace" to you: they could have blamed you or shamed you, but they didn't. They gave you love and understanding when you deserved something else. Is there someone to whom you need to extend this type of grace? How does God heal you when you extend this type of love to others?