

Uncharted | LEADER GUIDE

Welcome to the Small Group Term! We are excited for what God is going to do this year in and through your Small Group. This lesson is created to help your group kick off the term, unpack the weekend message, and set goals and next steps for this term.

Ice Breaker:

We *hope* you have NEW people checking out your Small Group for the first time. Use this ice breaker as a way for everyone to introduce themselves and get into the lesson. And...make sure everyone knows where the bathroom & snacks are!

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

This week's lessons unpacks the story of Jonathan & Saul's battle in 1 Samuel 13 & 14. Even though it looked like there was no way they could win, Jonathan trusted God and took a huge risk that God honored and gave the victory to the Israelites!

The flow of this lesson is:

- What's our response when it feels like everything is "stacked against us?"
- When have we benefited from someone else's risk?
- What holds us back from taking risks for Jesus?

Small Group Interactive:

This Interactive creates space in your group time to talk about where you and your group members feel God is calling them to take risks that honor Him.

The second page of the lesson has 6 sample "boxes" of areas where God might be calling them: Faith, Relationships, Time, Money, Work, & Other. You can **print the second page** to have people write their names in the box that best defines their risk.

Going Deeper: If you know some of your Small Group members well, challenge them with a timeframe: *When* will they take this risk? This week? This month? Follow-up with your group next week to hear what risks were taken.

Next Steps:

Using the list from the Small Group Interactive, **assign** each person to pray for one other person each day this next week. Encourage them to connect with each other via text or even a phone call. Make sure everyone in your Small Group has each other's contact information.

Prayer:

Be sure to take time as a group to pray for each other before you end your Small Group time.



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Ice Breaker Question:

Share your name, how long you've been coming to 2|42 & "the riskiest thing you've ever done."

This Week's Big Idea: God calls us to take risks that bring Him honor.

What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend's teaching?

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

1 Samuel 13|16-23

1. What stands out to you in the passage?
2. What's your response when it feels like everything is "stacked against you?"

1 Samuel 14|1-15, 20-23

3. What was Jonathan's response to the circumstances around him? What motivated Jonathan to take that risk?
4. Jonathan's actions opened the door for the rest of the army to follow. When have you benefited from someone else's risk?

Philippians 3|7-8

5. What was Paul trying to communicate in this passage?
6. What is one thing that holds you back from taking risks for Jesus?

Small Group Interactive:

As a group, discuss the question: "Where is God calling you to take a risk?" You can use the chart on the next page for sample areas where you may feel God challenging you to take a risk that will honor Him more.

Write down that list and pray together as a group for each person that they would have the boldness to follow where God is leading.

Next Step Challenge

Daily Encounter: Prayer

Using the list from the Small Group Interactive, pick one person in your Small Group to intentionally pray for each day this week.

Faith

Relationships

Time

Money

Work

Other