

TITLE: *"The Birth of Imagining"*

OPENING QUESTION: *If you were to imagine yourself doing the highest and best thing you could do for God's kingdom, what would it be? Think big! This is just a hypothetical question.*

Luke 4:16c-20a - He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down.

GROUP QUESTION: *Why did the people of Nazareth have trouble accepting Jesus' message, and how can we share the good news today without becoming discouraged when others reject it?*

THE BIRTH OF IMAGINING FOR THE KINGDOM:

A PAIN, BROKENNESS OR INJUSTICE

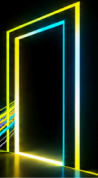
Exodus 2:11-13a - Many years later, when Moses had grown up, he went out to visit his own people, the Hebrews, and he saw how hard they were forced to work. During his visit, he saw an Egyptian beating one of his fellow Hebrews. After looking in all directions to make sure no one was watching, Moses killed the Egyptian and hid the body in the sand. The next day, when Moses went out to visit his people again, he saw two Hebrew men fighting.

GROUP QUESTION: *How can you use your own brokenness to bless others?*

GROUP QUESTION: *When was a time where you saw injustice and took action?*

AN ALIGNMENT WITH GOD

Exodus 3:7 - Then the Lord told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. yes, I am aware of their suffering."



Exodus 3:9- “Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people of Israel out of Egypt.”

Luke 19:10- “For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

GROUP QUESTION: *If you are willing, talk about a time in your life when God heard your cry and sent someone or something to save you? Has that situation inspired you to “seek and save the lost” in your own world?*

GROUP QUESTION: *Alignment with God is critical. What are some of the things that we are dealing with in our community that God would want us to align with Him on? What are some things in our community that Jesus came for?*

PEOPLE BEING ACTIVATED FOR THIS BIGGER PURPOSE

1 Samuel 17:36 - “I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine too, for he has defiled the armies of the living God.”

GROUP QUESTION: *Talk about a time when a heavenly desire and earthly desire met in your life or became a purpose in your life. Obviously, salvation is the first moment in the life of a believer where Heaven and Earth meet. Has there been one since for you?*

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

GROUP QUESTION: *What passions that God has for our community caused you to be part of New Walk’s cause and Immeasurably More?*