

Small Group Guide

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Burning the Bridge of Doubt



Icebreaker



- If you had to get rid of everything in your house except for 5 items, what would you keep?
- If you could live in any fictional world, what would it be?



Discussion



- When you hear the word "potential," do you tend to think of it in a positive or negative way? Why?
- We all have dreams or goals we feel called to but haven't fully pursued. What's one you'd love to finally go after? What's holding you back?
- Doubting our worth can really paralyze us from pursuing God's purpose. How can remembering who God says you are help you take that next step?
- Obedience isn't just a one-time decision, it's an ongoing commitment. What's one area God's calling you to pick back up and start obeying again?
- Share about a time God used something ordinary in your life in an extraordinary way. How can you live more aware of God's presence in your everyday life?
- Has there been a time when you felt like you did everything God asked but it didn't work out like you thought? What did you learn from that experience?
- What's one practical way you can surrender more of your life to God this week and make yourself available for His purposes?



Thought for the Group



As we explore the bridge between potential and purpose. On one side is our potential – the gifts, talents, and abilities God has given us. But potential alone isn't enough. God calls us to cross the bridge into the purpose and plans He has for our lives.

What keeps us stuck on the potential side of the bridge? Doubts that hold us back. We doubt our worth and significance. Like Moses, we wonder "Who am I?" But God says we are chosen and accepted in Christ. Our worth isn't based on anything we've done, but on what Jesus did for us.

We also doubt whether others will accept us and listen to us. But God reminds us that it's about obedience to Him, not the response of others. As Moses learned, what matters most is saying yes to God, one step of surrender and faith at a time.

The ordinary items in our hands become tools God uses for miracles when yielded to Him. But obedience is an ongoing choice, not just a one-time decision. There will be setbacks that test our patience and persistence. Yet God remains faithful, even when things don't go as we expect.

Crossing the bridge into purpose requires total surrender. It means releasing our agenda, our timing, our control. God longs for us to say yes, to make ourselves fully available to Him. When we walk in acceptance, obedience, and dependence on God, doubt no longer has power over us. We become empowered to live out our full potential according to His purpose and plan.



Next Steps



- Examine where you may be clinging too tightly to control in your life. What is one area you need to surrender fully to God's timing and will? Release your agenda and make yourself available.
- Make a list of your talents, skills, and resources. Ask God to reveal one practical way you can use these for His purposes this week. Then step out in faith and obedience, trusting God to use your offering.