



Part 1: From Impossible to Possible

At some point, all of us are in need of a breakthrough in life. So often times, we try and figure out the solutions to our situations and finally we seek God for help in prayer. Jesus knew, as the disciples would soon learn, that there is power in prayer. When God gets involved, things happen that are beyond our ability.

Bottom Line: Prayer makes the impossible possible.

Discussion Questions:

1. What role did prayer play in your family growing up?
2. About what do you normally pray? For what are you reluctant to pray?
3. **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** If you were one of the Disciples who had limited education, resources, and who had not traveled more than about 100 miles from where you had been born, how would you have reacted to Jesus' instructions to make disciples of all nations?
4. After Jesus returned to the Father (**Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9**), what would you have expected the Disciples to do to prepare for the mission they were given? How do you "win the world" with the resources they had?
5. **Read Luke 11:5-10 and Matthew 7:9-11.** What do you learn about prayer from these teachings of Jesus? How would this have prepared the Disciples to fulfill the mission Jesus assigned them (Matthew 28:19-20).
6. What does God's invitation for us to pray reveal about God's heart? Ability? Desire?
7. If it is true that prayer makes the impossible possible (**Matthew 17:20**), why do so many give up on prayer and cease seeking God's help through prayer?
8. **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Philippians 4:6, and James 4:3.** What do you learn from these passages about prayer that leads to breakthrough?
9. Reflecting on this study (and the corresponding message), is there something or someone for whom you need to begin praying and seeking God?
10. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
11. How can the group pray for or encourage you this week?