



WEEK 1

Discussion Guide

Introduction:

There are certain basic needs that are crucial to sustaining life: food, water, shelter, and of course oxygen. Over the next four weeks, we will be talking about the basic components of a life lived following Jesus: basic needs that are *Oxygen* to our bodies and to *the Body*. This week, we are focusing on making a difference.

Scripture:

Matthew 9:9 - "As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at his tax collector's booth. 'Follow me and be my disciple,' Jesus said to him. So Matthew got up and followed him."

Matthew 19:26 - "Jesus looked at them intently and said, 'Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.'"

For More, Read & Discuss Matthew 9:9-13

Discussion Questions:

1. Who do you know personally who has made the biggest difference in your life?
2. What do you find difficult about following Jesus?
 - What makes it easier?
3. When you hear Cokesbury's core value, "Get Jesus, give Jesus," are there any names or faces that come to mind?
 - Where are you proud to have made a difference in your life?
 - How could our world be different if Christians focused on making a difference rather than making a point?
4. Our God can do the impossible. How do you think your life would be different if you always remembered and believed that?

Take the Next Step:

Where do you need a miracle? Where does our world need a miracle? Invite someone else to join you in praying for those miracles.