



STUDY GUIDE – March 1, 2020

Message Title: Hacksaw Ridge
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This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

Are war movies hard for you to watch? Has anyone you were close to served in the military?

Pray:

Pray that we remember that we, too, were rescued when we were helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Holy Spirit, please guide us in a world that is so determined to tear itself apart, that we would be able to be used by God to put a little bit of it back together and reach always just one more while there is still breath in our lungs.

Get Started:

God has placed people along your path to guide you closer to Him. Who has been most spiritually influential?

Watch and Discuss video:

Read 1 Cor 9:22

INVOLVE yourself in places and activities where people might be searching.

Read 1 Pet 3:15

INVEST yourself in the lives of people because you care. It's not about you, it's about them.

Read Romans 10:13-17

INVITE them to church and to a larger life of following Jesus at the right moment- and you will know it. Be ready with your story.

- Do you have any Just One stories?...in other words, how have you involved, invested, and invited those around you and been the beautiful feet of Good News? (It's important to consider the **past** but even more important are **present** actions).

Reflect:

Desmond took an extreme and unconventional stance. He didn't judge others. Only himself. He knew what God had told him to do...and what God told him NOT to do. He was willing to suffer any consequence in order to be faithful. For Desmond, God's voice outranked everyone else's.

- Have you suffered any consequences in order to be faithful?
- How can you move toward God's voice outranking all others?

Desmond saved 75 men by directly lowering them from the escarpment. He also treated around 55 more that were able to retreat without assistance after treatment during the battle. Each one of these people has a name and story.

- Take a minute or two to make a list of those you have helped to save or impact spiritually through the help of the Holy Spirit.

Commit:

Read Matthew 28:18-20

In his message, Pastor Brian states the following:

"When Jesus said *"therefore go and make disciples"* the word Go, as it's translated into English, is an imperative. It has an exclamation point! But that's not really what Jesus said. Translating from Ancient Greek to modern English is tricky. The tense Jesus used was passive. A better translation would be, "in your going" or "as you go" . He was saying, there are times when we have to travel to help people, but we should also do that in the normal course of our lives. As we go along, help people come to know the truth about Jesus."

- How does the above, change the way you interpret the command to go and make disciples?

Pray:

God please renew our passion for rescuing people, as we were also rescued. Please give us conviction, insight and endurance to always reach just one more for You on this mission to fight for people's lives, futures and eternities. Help us to sacrifice without hesitation in our command to go and make disciples of all nations, allowing this command to be as woven into our daily living and as essential as breathing.