



## STUDY GUIDE – November 15, 2020

**Message Series:** BOLD  
**Message Title:** Boldly Helping Others  
**Teaching Pastor:** Brian Hughes

### Warm-up/Icebreaker:

Describe an adventure you had with a group of friends.

### Pray:

Dear Lord, help us to be open to learn how to be bold in helping others. Increase our compassion and help us to respond with courage. Your Word tells us to remain in You and that when we do, we can bear much fruit; and that apart from You we can do nothing. Help us to live that out and to add value to others' lives believing that our eternal impact truly matters. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Get Started:

"They would not be hindered from their Bold mission: to get the one who needed Jesus in front of Jesus. And this is the best part: In their quest to solve the physical need of their friend - his paralysis - Jesus healed the deeper need in his soul - the forgiveness of his sin. We have to care about both. We have to be bold to do both. And that is EXACTLY what the MORE Initiative is and what it does. A year ago, we felt the Spirit of God clearly tell us that we had to be Bold if we were going to accomplish our charge. And we had to think in ways we'd never considered before. If we are going to get the people who need Jesus in front of Jesus, we would need to step back and consider new, fresh, unconventional approaches. How will we get those we know in front of Jesus? It will take unconventional thinking and a multi-layered approach." -Pastor Brian Hughes

### Read Luke 5:18-25.

- Noting that Jesus responded to the thoughts (and not words) of the teachers of the law, what does this say about bringing all of who you are to Him so you may authentically be able to reach others?
- What did bold faith and an unconventional approach have to do with the friends finding a "door" and a way to get their friend in front of Jesus? How does this affect your own viewpoint of helping others find Him?

### Watch and Discuss video:

Everything we have belongs to Jesus. As a follower of Christ, we agree to give Him dominion over everything. **If He is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.** God has the right to interrupt me in EVERY area of my life (time, calendar, finances, etc.). When Jesus invited the disciples, it was an interruption. Three points to remember:

1. **My schedule can be interrupted by God.**
2. **My calendar can anticipate interruption without knowing the specifics.**
3. **The interruption is an invitation to join God in His work.**

- What is an example of a time that you were interrupted by God? What was your reaction? Did you choose to join in on His work?
- Do you let God interrupt you in every area of your life? Take 2 minutes of silence to reflect and answer silently.

**Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1 Peter 3:15**

**Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity... Ephesians 5:15-16**

**He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Luke 9:59-60**

- In all of these passages, Jesus's invitation to interrupt us is NOW. What stands out to you the most about these scriptures?

#### **Reflect and Commit:**

"When the 4 friends climbed the roof that day, they knew their actions were unconventional. Tearing up someone's house is going to have a cost, but it is nothing compared to the blessing of watching someone get a whole new life. That's what we're doing. We're committing together to the sacrifice so that thousands of people hear, near, and far away can experience the best life in this life and in the life to come... How vested should you be in this work that we're doing? I believe that if we will all hear and follow the voice of God and come together in it, we'll have unity, we'll have a bold vision, and we'll have the resources to get it done. Come with us, and let's let God do what he does best. Because the guys who carried their paralyzed friend on the roof that day just wanted Jesus to make him walk. What they got was so much more - they got new life in every way. That's what God did. It's what He still does. So come with me, church. And let's be bold!" -Pastor Brian Hughes

#### **Read Hebrews 4:16**

- Taking all of the above into consideration, does this change how vested you are or how bold you are in vision? If so, how?

#### **Pray:**

Dear Lord, we acknowledge that we are the primary tool for helping people in need. Help us to put our faith into action, making the most of every opportunity that You put before us. We want authentic hearts with bold beliefs that lead to bold action. There are people all around us who have yet to experience the wonderful miracle of forgiveness and the fullest lives possible. We know there is MORE waiting for them if we increase our vision and mission. May we not be hindered in getting people in front of You Jesus. Amen.