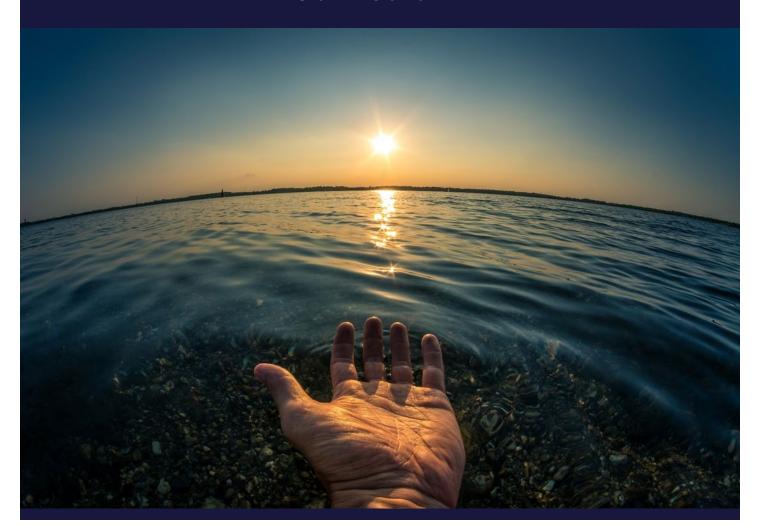


Curriculum



SAMPLEBe Open to Jesus: A study in Mark

Open Eyes Open Hearts **Open Minds** Open Ears



SAMPLE CURRICULUM Be Open to Jesus, a study in Mark

A sample of the Be Open to Jesus curriculum begins on the following page.



LEARN: Overview

Biblical Business Training ("BBT") equips people to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and empowers leaders in a small-group Bible study setting to apply Biblical principles at work. Our mission is <u>Faith for Work</u> – and our vision is <u>Leadership for Life!</u>

To find out more, visit www.B-B-T.org.



Curriculum: The BBT 1-2-3™ Format

BBT curriculum is rooted in Scripture and applicable the day you study it. The *BBT 1-2-3*™ format enables the group to have a consistent Biblical basis for discussion.



Agenda – Introduces applicable Biblical principles



Group Leader Guide - Facilitates discussion and allows for shared leadership



Recap - Encourages community and application



LIVE: Sample Be Open to Jesus, a study in Mark

This volume of BBT Curriculum asks you to be open to Christ – to open your eyes, hearts, minds and ears to the work, power, and glory of Christ Jesus.

- 1. Open Eyes
- 2. Open Hearts
- 3. Open Minds
- 4. Open Ears

No book is needed.



LEAD: Start a small-group Bible study

Start leading today! Learn more.



AGENDA Be Open to Jesus Open Minds





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Breaking the Cycle

Every year, thousands of Hondurans flee their homeland seeking change for the better. Children are often left behind and must find ways to survive. Many join gangs or find other places where there is strength in numbers but not necessarily positive role models.

The founders of Mission Lazarus shared a story about breaking the cycle of poverty. "Bryan Lagos was just a child when his parents left him with his grandparents in rural Honduras to seek work in another country. He hasn't heard from them since. Bryan couldn't afford school, so he could try to find a job doing backbreaking manual labor for a mere \$7 per day or join a gang like some of his friends. Fortunately, he found Mission Lazarus and learned how to apply faith in his life. Since graduating junior high school, he now earns enough to support his grandparents and put himself through public high school on the weekends." Bryan's life was changed and now he is choosing to help change the lives of others.

Remember

When life seems tangled, when nothing seems to work out, when there so has to be planswer for the terrible losses or cruelty, remember how God works all things together for good – even through the rejection, suffering, and death of His glorious Son. When the weights are heavy upon you, remember how death the lather's love for His Son, and how great their sacrifice for you.

Like the disciples, there are sometimes things in the Bible and it lifes at a final life at a final section. We desire answers, but God simply wants us to trust Him "while we wait for our great hape and the a ming of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13). What will it take for you to the God in a scircul stances?



LIVE

Discussion questions: Read the text and stript residow and prepare to answer the questions.

- 1. Read Mark 9:1-13. In what ways this assage encourage you?
- 2. Read Malachi 4:4-6 and Decemonomy 8:15. What was the significance of Moses and Elijah joining Jesus on the mountain?
- 3. Re-read Mark 9:5-6. When have you been like Peter, excitedly jumping ahead of Jesus' timeframe?
- 4. Re-read Mark 9:9-10. When the pieces of life just don't seem to add up, how do these verses offer a fresh perspective?
- 5. Re-read Mark 9:11-13 and Matthew 17:11-13. How do these verses shed light on how the values of the world are different from the values of God's eternal kingdom?

Application Question: How will you open your mind this week to God's plans rather than your own expectations?



PRAYERS

Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer

1 J. and A. Brown (email communication, December 7, 2018) tells the story of how Bryan Lagos' life was changed by Mission Lazarus; https://www.missionlazarus.org/.





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PRAYERS

Opening Prayer & Prayer Requests



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Before you begin, read the AGENDA LEARN introduction together and review the APPLICATION QUESTION from the previous meeting's RECAP.



LIVE

Discussion Questions: Have someone read each Bible verse aloud and then ask the corresponding question. Be sure everyone has enough time to find the Scripture before the verse is read.

Read Mark 9:1-13. In what ways does this passage encourage you



To bear the cross, Christians must see the glory of Christ. These in biring glift poses of the end of our journey give us strength for the hard work of bearing our cross.

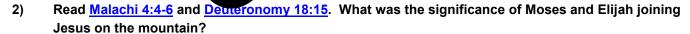


Jesus had begun teaching the disciples about the coming aros, and key would watch Jesus be rejected and suffer. Soon it would seem no one claimed Jesus as Char's Mess, the and yet, on that mountain, His face literally shone upon them (see Numbers 6:25). Be sure you understand that Jesus didn't morph out of humanity into something else. It's more that He proceed out of word with was always His. Also, this light of God didn't less and upon Jesus. It shone out from within Him. He is the glory of God! He is alive with light



Facilitate a brief discussion. You might ask, What does this reveal about God's timing and His heart for encouraging His people?"

Notes:





Elijah and Moses display that all the plans and promises of God, across all the centuries of waiting (the Old Testament), came down to Jesus Christ.



God told Israel to remember the law of Moses so they would be ready for Christ's coming and the symbols and ceremonies Moses taught would be fresh in their hearts when Jesus came to fulfill and personify them. Moses had set before Israel all these powerful symbols of the coming Christ and now there he was, now talking with the living Word of God. Elijah was a prophet who called God's people back to God, to prepare the way for the Lord, warning them to repent and promising God's grace. He was much like Jesus in that he worked miracles, was rejected and alone. He too did not die but was carried to heaven in a chariot of fire and many believed Jesus to be Elijah returning.



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	Re-read Mark 9:5-6. When have you been like Peter, excitedly jumping ahead of Jesus' timeframe
	Peter thought seeing Moses and Elijah meant this was the end and he was ready to set up a base camp for worship in God's new kingdom.
	It didn't occur to Peter that this was a temporary situation and that the big ending was still yet to come. Jewas trying to prepare them for what was to come, his death on the cross, by giving them something to remember – the glory of God.
	Talk about a time you lost sight of God's plan and got caught up in something new or exciting only to realize later you missed a bigger opportunity.
	Re-read Mark 9:9-10. When the pieces of life just don't seek to and up, how do these verses offer a fresh perspective?
	Often, we don't understand what God is doing, by the helps were we can trust Him in the waiting and be confident that He has the answer.
	Having just seen Jesus in all His glory, alon with two long-gone men who were gloriously alive, it was har for the disciples to understand Jesus to ling a put rising from the dead. How could this Jesus, so blinding alive, possibly die? How could He we in any note all sense of the word when the God who loved Him as H Son had just told them to listen to lim? The would not add up for them until after Jesus died, rose, and began to teach them have all the piece of fit to gether.
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	The disciples were experiencing the full weightiness of faith as they tried to comprehend why and how their king who had come to deliver them would suffer and die.
	Neither the glory of Christ, nor the prophecies of the Old Testament, nor the full extent of God's love for Hi Son would be clear until Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead. Then the disciples' worldly expectations of a king to deliver them from physical and political suffering would be replaced with new eye and hearts that understood deliverance from sin for eternity.





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Application Question: How will you open your mind this week to God's plans rather than your own expectations?



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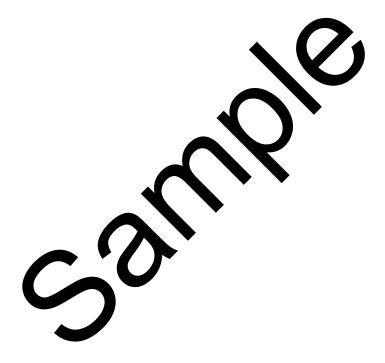
Prayer Requests & Closing Prayer



LEAD

Ask Yourself: How will I lead from trust in God amid confusion and/or lack of answers?

PLEASE NOTE: This is study 3 of 4. What will you consider next? Consult a BBT Coach for suggestions.





RECAP Be Open to Jesus Open Minds





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ROADMAP

This <u>BBT</u> volume of curriculum asks you to be open to Christ – to open your eyes, hearts, minds and ears. This lesson seeks to help you open your mind to what lies beyond your present circumstances as you trust His power and plan is at work.



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Jesus' appearance on the mountain, beaming with the light of God would be the disciples deal with the hard times and struggles that were soon to come. The appearance of Moses and Each are agside of Jesus told the disciples that he was the culmination of God's plan begun long ago. Despite at his, however, the disciples were still not ready to hear the true nature of how Jesus would be the savior of the world grough as own suffering and death.

Scripture References for this study: Mark 9:1-13, Malachi 4-6, Yeuta nomy 18:15 and Matthew 17:11-13



LIVE

- Opening my mind to God's Light
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