

<b>Theme &amp; Passages</b>	Every day is an opportunity: Mark 1:21-28	prepared by Mel Commandeur and Neil Casey
<b>Welcome (10 mins)</b>	Share with the group: An occasion when your expectations were exceeded. You were expecting something ordinary/small but received something way better than you asked for or imagined.	
<b>Worship (20 mins)</b>	Listen to this song 'God of the possible' by Katie Nicole <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R84PqRdZ7_Y">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R84PqRdZ7_Y</a> What lyrics particularly moved/inspired you?	
<b>Working with God (20 mins):</b> Evangelism Discipleship Compassion Justice Creation Care	<p>This week we are catching up with Daniel and Sarah Medeiros, members of Bookham Baptist Church who are bringing hope and healing to the community they are part of in Recife in Northern Brazil <a href="#">[VIDEO LINK HERE]</a>. Their work as missionaries is an example of both compassion and evangelism in action, two of the five marks of God's mission. Daniel and Sarah are using their God given talents to serve God's purposes in Brazil. Sarah's talents are in dance and she is using this to help young women recover from trauma. Daniel's gifts are in prayer and leadership and he is using them by working with church leaders; helping churches create communities that help eradicate extreme poverty and become environments where people can thrive. Please pray for them this week as they take the next steps in developing this work in Recife and beyond.</p> <p>Daniel and Sarah are asking God to make clear the next steps He wants them to take in using their gifts in the mission He has called them to. What God given gifts do you have? How does God want you to use them in the mission He has called you to? What are the next steps that He is asking you to take this year to go further in mission with Him? Take time to listen for, and pray with one another this week about your next steps.</p>	
<b>Word (20-25 mins)</b>	<b>Read Mark 1:21-28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you think of the statement: "Nothing happens to Jesus – Jesus happens to everything"?</li> <li>• What new information did you learn from this passage/sermon and how has it helped your understanding?</li> <li>• What will you differently in your life as a result of this teaching?</li> <li>• Mark wrote his gospel to show the power and authority of Jesus – this is evidenced by the fact that Jesus backed up His words with deeds. What are the small, simple ways we can be more disciplined about making our words and deeds more aligned? (Think about habits and negative thinking patterns – how can we establish better ones in practical terms?)</li> <li>• When Jesus sends out His disciples, He gives them authority and power to help them in completing their mission. How equipped do you</li> </ul>	

	feel? What practical steps can lead us to access more of our God-given power and authority?
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