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Take Heart

Leader's Notes:

- Leaders, you should be planning to start your fall schedule if you haven't already. Be sure to update anything on Realm so that the information is accurate.
- PLEASE put Tuesday, September 10 on your calendar. There is a Group Leader & Apprentice Training that evening from 6:30-8:00pm.
- Finally, if you do not have the ability to log your meeting attendance via Realm, please be sure to set that up before fall begins.

Question 1 - focuses on a story from **Mark 10**. In the first question, you are asked to read and discuss that story. Read the verses out loud and ask each person in your group to share at least one insight they have from the story.

Question 2 - deals with the enthusiastic faith that we encounter in this story. It also calls upon your group members to evaluate how they approach God. The goal of this question is to help your group see that they can approach God boldly and with confidence. This will increase their faith and build a stronger connection with God. This question is not the main focus of the study and you may find that you answer it quickly. That is OK. Remember, the study is designed to be flexible and adapt to the needs of your group.

Question 3 - illustrates the principle of how God chooses to work in the world. God chooses to work through people and is a main focus of the study. Your role is crucial in guiding the group to understand how God may want to work through them in both planned activities and unplanned interruptions. Your community group is a planned activity. You may choose to use this question to emphasize the importance of coming to your group prepared and how God works through each member. If you want to take this question deeper, discuss how sometimes we have so many planned activities daily that we miss out on the opportunities that interruptions can bring to our lives. You could refer back to the story and how Jesus dealt with the unplanned interruption.

Question 4 - gives you the opportunity to hear from your group members about where they are in their faith journey. Are they actively following Christ or has lack of prioritization gotten in the way? Encourage them to pursue Christ wholeheartedly. Some may even admit that summer/ travel/ children at home etc. caused them to put their faith on the sideline. Getting back to the routines of fall could be an opportunity to embrace some habits and spiritual disciplines that would help them grow in their faith.