

# MARVEL

ORDINARY PEOPLE, EXTRAORDINARY POTENTIAL

Participant Guide Week 3

## SERMON RECAP: WHAT DID THE TEXT MEAN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Review the message highlights as a group and discuss any highlights that challenged your thinking.

## WARM UP

Would you prefer to receive encouraging words from your: a) spouse b) parents c) boss d) child(ren) e) coach?  
What guided your selection? Why not a different choice?

## THE TEXT: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

### Introduction:

Review the text from Sunday's sermon: Acts 11:22-26

- Examine this list of character traits: Kindness, Humility, Teachability, Forgiveness, Obedience, Purity, Responsibility, Courage, Servanthood, Contentment, Endurance, Discernment
- Which of these traits come easily for you? Hard for you? Why?
- How could these traits help you better encourage others?
- What did your parents teach you about integrity when you were a child? Did you feel you had a good example to follow?
- Our ability to be genuine with one another is limited by our desire to maintain our integrity. Agree or Disagree?
- How would you respond to someone who agreed/disagreed with the above statement?
- When we are found out in our hypocrisy do you feel you are above accountability? Why or why not?
- Sometimes people will respond to accountability with rejection and/or offense. How can you as a Jesus follower or someone interested in faith address a person like this?

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## CLOSING THOUGHT

What is the answer to this riddle? (Hint: A life without encouragement.)

It cannot be seen, cannot be felt  
cannot be heard, cannot be smelt.  
It lies behind stars and under hills,  
And empty holes it fills.  
It comes first and follows after,  
Ends life, kills laughter.  
-The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien