



Matthew 17:20 Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

Philippians 2 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature[of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Icebreaker

Go around the room, and ask each participant to share something about themselves that they believe makes them different from everyone else in the room. You can provide an example to help get everyone started, such as “I have 9 siblings” or “I have never left my home state.” This activity encourages openness and celebrates individuality among the group.

Conversation Starters

1. Where in life do you see our love of the “big” playing itself out? Where do you see it in yourself?
2. Why do you think we like big stuff?
3. Have someone read the passages above. What struck you about how Jesus flipped this concept that “bigger is better” on its head? What surprises you about what you heard that Jesus taught?
4. Why do you think Jesus wanted us to know that in his kingdom “small is the new big?” Why is this an important concept?
5. Which of the three arenas of life - life with God, life with yourself, life with others - do you find it easiest to live as if “small is the new big?” Which arena is hardest for you? Explain why if you can.
6. What are some things someone else does for you that remind you of small is the new big?
7. How could you begin to embrace small is the new big with some actions and attitudes? What do you already do that is an example of small is the new big.