

# You in Five Years

## Too Small to Fail

# TALK IT OVER

### Key Scriptures

*Perhaps you will think to yourselves, 'How can we ever conquer these nations that are so much more powerful than we are?' <sup>18</sup>But don't be afraid of them! Just remember what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all the land of Egypt.*

*<sup>19</sup>Remember the great terrors the Lord your God sent against them. You saw it all with your own eyes! And remember the miraculous signs and wonders, and the strong hand and powerful arm with which he brought you out of Egypt. The Lord your God will use this same power against all the people you fear. <sup>20</sup>And then the Lord your God will send terror to drive out the few survivors still hiding from you! <sup>21</sup>'No, do not be afraid of those nations, for the Lord your God is among you, and he is a great and awesome God. <sup>22</sup>The Lord your God will drive those nations out ahead of you little by little. You will not clear them away all at once, otherwise the wild animals would multiply too quickly for you. <sup>23</sup>But the Lord your God will hand them over to you. He will throw them into complete confusion until they are destroyed. Deuteronomy 7:17-23 NLT*

*<sup>27</sup>'I will send my terror ahead of you and create panic among all the people whose lands you invade. I will make all your enemies turn and run. <sup>28</sup>I will send terror ahead of you to drive out the Hivites, Canaanites, and Hittites. <sup>29</sup>But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals would multiply and threaten you. <sup>30</sup>I will drive them out a little at a time until your population has increased enough to take possession of the land. Exodus 23:27-30 NLT*

*... "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. <sup>32</sup>It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches." Matthew 13:31-32 NLT*

*Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin... Zechariah 4:10 NLT*

### Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What comes to mind when you think about Habits?
- Have you ever successfully made and stuck to a New Years Resolution? Why do you think you did or didn't succeed?

### Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

Pastor Lane said in the message: The end goal of faith isn't to not go to hell, that's the starting line. Tragically many Christians have a saved soul and a wasted life.

- How do you react to that statement?
- Why do so many Christians settle for not going to hell and miss out on everything else God has for them?

### Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What hard thing do you need to stop doing or start doing to get to where God wants you to be?
- What small step, stupidly small habit are you going to start in order to take the first step towards it?
- How are you going to track that habit specifically so you can guard it aggressively? If you have an app or planner or something that you love to use for this kind of thing, share it with the group.

### Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, thank You for reminding us that slow and steady, little by little with your help is all we need to do. If we are careful to choose the things you want for us, we don't need to despise small beginnings, but we can look forward in anticipation to all you are going to do in us and through us as we become who you want us to be. In Jesus name. Amen

### Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Find an app, a planner, a journal, something that will help you track the small habit you are going to start.
- Pick one goal that is too small to fail and do it every day this week. Celebrate your accomplishment with someone at the end of the week.