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Most labels are libels which limit our capacity to dream, aspire to greatness, or even feel worthy enough to know God. And the deadliest label of them all is *mediocre*. But no one has to settle for mediocre or average as his or her lot in life. You are a one of a kind creation of God and there is nothing average about you.



BIG IDEA: God created you for more than just mediocrity—He created you to Excel.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Why do you think we tend to label people?
- 2. Name some of the labels people have placed on you.
- 3. I tend to label a person based upon his or her...
 - a. accomplishments
 - b. appearance
 - c. future potential

- d. educational background
- e. character
- 4. Read 1 Samuel 17. List some of the labels you think the characters in this story placed upon David.
- 5. David spoke of 3 myths. Myth #1 is that "You're Mediocre." What words come to your mind when you hear mediocrity?
- 6. Myth #2 is that "you're the best." But there is no such thing as 'the best'. Name some sports teams, actors, or musicians who were the best in their field, but now have fallen to cellar dwellers.
- 7. Myth #3 is "Not Enough." How much money is enough? How much power is enough? Why does our chasing after more always eave us emptier than before? Name some ways in which your life has been labeled, "Not Enough."
- 8. Read Psalm 139:13-16. How does God view you? How do you view yourself? In what ways do you need to see yourself from God's point of view? God wants you to excel at being you I am, and is a matter of acceptance & authenticity.
- 9. Read Ecclesiastes 11:4-6. David Foster said, "I have discovered one of the rarest abilities is to be happy with the life you're living where you are." What do you think he means by that statement? Where does God have you right now? Is there a situation you're trying to get out of that God has you there for a reason? God wants you to excel at being where I am, and is a matter of facing fears with courage & resolve.
- 10. Read Luke 9:10-17. What did the disciples have that they thought was not enough? What did Jesus do with their not enough? What do you have in your life that you think is not enough that God wants to use to do something amazing? What do you think is the significance of the 12 baskets leftover? God wants you to excel with what you have, and is a matter of finding what you're passionate about.
- 11. Read James 4:13. Imagine that there is a bank that credits your account each morning with \$86,400, but carries over no balance from one day to the next. Every morning you lose whatever you failed to spend that day. What would you do? What would you spend it on? Every morning, God gives you 86,400 seconds in a day. How do you normally choose to spend your time? Do you make the most of every second? In what ways can you maximize your time? God wants you to excel with the time you have, and is a matter pacing yourself and the determination to finish well.

MOVING FORWARD

In what areas of your life are you going to choose to be more than mediocre? What needs to change in your attitude to make that happen? What needs to change with your schedule to make that happen?