



HERE & NOW WEEK 1 - SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

LIFEGroup Discussion Guide

ICEBREAKER

What is something you believed you would never be able to do, but eventually learned how to do?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Jake started by telling a "*Jesus story*"—the story of Jesus healing a man with a withered hand. Do you have a favorite "*Jesus story*,"? Why is that story your favorite?
2. During the "*Jesus Story*" you were asked to picture yourself in it. As the individuals in the story. Did anybody during the story picture themselves as Jesus?
3. How does the idea of reading *Jesus stories* as invitations to find ways of living like him strike you? Does it feel awkward? Inspirational? Impossible?
4. Read **1 John 4:17b** together. This is our theme verse for the coming season. It says "*...as He is, so are we, in this world*". How would you restate it in your own words?
5. Jake told a story where a coach at his gym accidentally gave him the wrong personal best distance on a challenge. That belief of his personal best literally impacted his physical performance. Have you ever had a time when a belief you could or couldn't do something changed an outcome for you?
6. Can you think of a time someone embodied **1 John 4:17b** to you in your life?
7. **...AS HE IS / SO ARE WE / IN THIS WORLD...** What does living out **1 John 4:17b** look like in your day-to-day life?