

Talk it Over: Heroes, Week 5

September 4-5, 2021

Looking back at the message this weekend, what was the key thought for you?

Key Scripture

John 15:13

Key Thoughts

God can use tragedies such as 9/11 to bring unity and further His kingdom.

God can use your pain to show you your purpose.

Start Talking

To begin this week, ask your small group to reflect on the message, "Heroes, Part 5." Ask each person to share one thing that stood out to them from the teaching to get the conversation going. Ask, "Where were you when you heard the news about 9/11?"

Start Thinking & Sharing

Sujo John shared a story about how his sister passed away from leukemia and he became very angry at God. Have you ever had a time in your life where you have become mad at God because of something tragic that has happened in your life?

Sujo John heard that Christianity is defined as "friendship with the God of the universe." Have you ever heard or thought about Christianity like this? How does this break down "religion" and turn it into "friendship?"

Sujo John sent an email to one of his friends less than an hour before the first plane hit the tower he was in. He told his friend that He wanted to be chasing after God and God's plan for his life and not just going to church on Sundays. Have you experienced this feeling? In what ways are you going through the motions of Christianity right now? What can you do this week to be a follower of Jesus every day of the week and not just Sunday?

After the plane hit the building, someone from the same office as Sujo jumped up and rallied them saying, "Gang, we've got to beat this fire." He propelled people in the office to get up and make a move to save themselves. Share with the group your thoughts on the mentality of this person. How can you be the person in your office to help save people?

Part of Sujo's story is gathering people during this tragedy and sharing his faith during all of chaos. He joked that no one argued with him during that time. Does it take a huge event to share your faith? What are some easy ways to share your faith at work? The grocery store? In your everyday life?

Through all the rubble, Sujo saw a red flashing light from a crushed ambulance. It pointed him towards the street level and ended up saving his life. He then was called to human trafficking and the red light district. This is how Sujo found his purpose. Do you know your purpose? If so, how did you find it?

Start Praying

If you don't know your purpose, pray for God to reveal your purpose to you. If you do know your purpose, ask God to show you ways to use your gifts/ business/ work for the Glory of God. Ask him to show you how to make your purpose give glory to God and be a hero to those around you.

Start Doing

This series has been about how everyday people can be heroes. Sujo John was a normal person who moved to the United States and then was moved by God. How is God asking you to move right now and do something heroic in your own community? Is God asking you to serve your family, neighbor, church or non-profit in your community? What would it take for you to make a commitment to serve something bigger than yourself?