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Call to
Create

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



This guide is intended for personal reflection and to help facilitate a meaningful group discussion. Take a moment to watch the video and read over the guide before your group meeting. Be prepared with some personal examples to help encourage discussion. If helpful, before you meet, print out or email a copy of this guide to all those who will attend the meeting.

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SEIZING YOUR DIVINE MOMENT

For some entrepreneurs fear holds them back. For others, it might be a misconception that there's some massive buildup, and scale, and 101 things that need to happen first.

But eventually, there's a moment when you just go for it.

Next thing you know, that side hustle, conversation, or small idea becomes the catalyst for something big and maybe totally unexpected.

What does it look like to start?

That's the big question for any entrepreneur. For some, perceived risk is a big deterrent. The unknown is a scary proposition. What if my business fails? What if I fail?

Of course, research and knowledge are important for anyone who is looking to launch a venture or create a business. Business plans are important. A clear vision is important.

But no matter how much we try to close that gap between the known and the unknown, eventually we will need to take the leap. It will require faith every time, no matter how big of a jump it is.

And that's the joy that comes from partnering with God as a Faith Driven Entrepreneur. You come to realize that you will eventually run out of answers and only be left with questions. And it will require faith in God to fill in the gap and, only he can give us the strength to make the jump.

And this isn't limited to those taking the first step of your venture. Maybe you've had a company for years and are considering a new initiative.

No matter where you are, what is your next faithful step?



GUIDING SCRIPTURE:

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die." The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals." —Genesis 2:15-20

ACTION	FOCUS	ESTIMATED TIME
Welcome	<p>QUESTION: What burdens are you carrying? What do you need to put aside today to be present and here to support your growth and contribute meaningfully.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 seconds around the circle • Verbalize what to put aside. • Option to write and put in a basket. 	10 mins
Video Session	<p>INTRODUCTION: Entrepreneurs don't lack vision or insight. Sometimes they just miss the moment. No matter how much we try to close that gap between the known and the unknown, eventually we will need to take the leap. It will require faith every time.</p>	15 mins
Group Discussion	<p>Entrepreneurs are natural problem-solvers. They see a gap in the market that needs to be filled and believe that they are the person uniquely qualified to make it happen.</p> <p>Ask each person to share and incorporate any learnings from the video. Here are a few questions to get you started:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a perceived risk that is holding you back? • What is your next faithful step forward? <p>Facilitator asks if any members would like to share an action they are committing to take this month based on the discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group members share any practice they would like to start or discontinue in their personal life of business via Zoom chat or post-it note • Other members agree to pray for and hold them accountable. 	45-60 mins
(Optional) Business Spotlight	<p>One individual presents information on their business venture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One person shares about their business model, stage and scope • Participants ask questions and get to know more 	10 mins

ACTION	FOCUS	ESTIMATED TIME
<p>Prayer</p>	<p>The group wraps in a time of prayer and encouragement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Popcorn prayer—Designate one person to begin the prayer and another person to end the prayer. Then allow space and moments of silence for people to pray as they feel led. • Zoom rooms or small groups for prayer 	<p>10 mins</p>

Discussion Questions

In this session, Henry and Jessica talk about seizing your divine moment. But sometimes that is easier said than done. Here are a few more questions to help your group go even deeper in discussion.

LEAPS OF FAITH IN THE BIBLE

Moses. Noah. Joshua. Jonah. Peter. Paul. Throughout Scripture we see faithful followers seizing their divine moment. Some are more bold than others. Some are fearful, yet they still make the leap.

- **What are some of the takeaways you can draw upon in these stories and apply to your own life?**
- **Do you relate to any of these characters and the fear that they might have encountered? What attribute of God can you rely on and dig deep into when that fear threatens to overwhelm you? You see a gap, do you have the courage to fill it?**

LEAPS OF FAITH IN BUSINESS

There comes a point when we simply need to go for it. Whether that be starting a business or scaling a side-hustle. And yet, the unknown is a scary proposition.

- **What will it take for you to follow God's call to create? How can you identify your divine moment? What can you do to seize upon it?**
- **How can you identify your Divine Moment? In what way are you adding value to creation through your business?**

5 Ideas to Explore the Mark Further

There's no limit to the ways you can explore the Marks of a Faith Driven Entrepreneur. What we provide below are five ideas we think might lead each one of us to an even greater understanding of our God-given call to create.

1. **Journal:** Write down what your next faithful step will be. How can you face the unknown with confidence, not in yourself but in God?
2. **Interact:** This month, take the time to face your fears of failure. Pray unceasingly. Ask God for his help and guidance rather than relying on your own strength. How can you embrace your faith in a God who loves you and wants the very best for you?
3. **Consider:** During today's video session, Jessica said that business plans are important. A clear vision is important. But no matter how much we try to close that gap between the known and the unknown, eventually we will need to take the leap. It will require faith every time, no matter how big of a jump it is. Are you ready? What's holding you back?
4. **Act Differently:** Try your best to work from a place of courage this month. This boldness comes from your faith in God and everything you believe him to be.
5. **Learn From Others:** Visit faithdrivenentrepreneur.org to learn more or join the conversation by listening to our weekly Faith Driven Entrepreneur Podcast.

Entrepreneurs can travel a lonely road. But you're not alone. You're sitting next to a group of like-minded business owners right now. One of the best ways to grow the Faith Driven Movement is to multiply your group.

Is someone in your group ready to raise his or her hand to start a Faith Driven Entrepreneur Group at a local church? Apply at faithdrivenentrepreneur.org/lead-a-group