

Leader Notes

THE IMPOSSIBLE

STEP ONE: *"And the icebreaker is"*

- » Have someone open and read one of the **icebreaker** envelopes.
- » Go around the circle to **answer**.

Leader note: It does not matter which envelope is opened on any given week. Have fun with it ... kind of like opening the envelope at the Oscars to announce the winner.

STEP TWO: *SOAP Bible Study*

- » Pass out the **SOAP** Bible Study sheets and pens to everyone.
- » Go around the circle and have people **read** one verse out loud.
- » Take a few minutes to silently write down any thoughts from the **passage**.
- » **Discuss** observations from the passage.

Leader note: Have a few observations of your own that you can use. For example, after allowing others to answer, you might say, "One of the things that struck me was that Paul cast out the spirit because it was annoying him. So, what other things jumped out to you all?"

STEP THREE: *Movie Time*

- » Play the **video**.

Leader note: Test the technology ahead of time to make sure everything works.



STEP FOUR: *Discussion Questions*

Leader note: Success is getting people to engage with the questions. It's okay if you don't get to all of the questions.

1. What thoughts or insights do you have from the weekend message or the video teaching?
2. Go around the circle and share. When you are in a stressful or traumatic situation, is your natural tendency to fight, fly or freeze? Why?
3. Have you noticed that impossible situations tend to bring out either the best or worst in people? Why do you think that is?
4. How do you balance the need for self-care when going through a difficult time versus the desire to help others?
5. In the passage, Paul and Silas are beaten and thrown into a dungeon. What does their response tell you about their focus?
6. The kindness of Paul and Silas radically changes the trajectory of the jailer and his family's life. When has someone's kindness impacted you in a meaningful way?
7. What are some examples of ways sin creates impossible situations in peoples' lives?
8. What areas of life are most difficult for you to fully trust God with and why?

