

Leader's Guide

Session 3: Live Extraordinary, Not Ordinary

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Describe a time when you were out of your comfort zone. **Where were you? What happened? What made you feel uncomfortable?**

We can sometimes think the Christian life is about feeling comfortable. But that's not always the case. God often asks us to step out in faith into situations that are uncomfortable. He gives us exactly what we need, though, to persevere even when life isn't what we expected.

VIEW

Watch Session Three: *Live Extraordinary, Not Ordinary*.

REVIEW

Tim challenged us in this session to live extraordinary, not comfortable, lives. **What are some indicators that your life could be too comfortable?**

Tim used the positive example of his family and the negative example of the locker room fan to explain what it looks like to live an extraordinary life. It means taking risks, persevering, and overcoming obstacles—all in the power of God. **How else would you define an extraordinary life?**

Perseverance is one of the qualities of an extraordinary life. Tim talked about his mom enduring the pain of a broken foot on family vacation. **Who are some examples of people who persevered in your life?**

Tim spoke about the importance of working hard and resisting the urge to be lazy. **In what ways have you experienced a temptation to be lazy? What do you do to fight against that temptation?**

Sometimes working hard for God means he'll ask us to do things we're not comfortable doing. For Tim, it was sharing the gospel at fifteen in a foreign country. **When has God asked you to do something you weren't comfortable doing? What happened? How did you grow from the experience?**

BIBLE EXPLORATION

Read Hebrews 12:1–2.

These verses come after the writer of Hebrews lists off examples of people with strong faith in God. They're the witnesses mentioned in verse one. They've left a legacy of faith and we get to be a part of their legacy. It begins with throwing off the sin that entangles us. **What are some examples of sin that entangles us? What could it look like to throw off that sin?**

These verses talk about running with perseverance. In other words, we should continue to follow Jesus wholeheartedly and not give up. **When have you had to persevere in following Jesus? How did God help you during that time?**

Tim talked about how following Jesus sometimes means we won't be comfortable. But as these verses point out, our focus shouldn't be on how comfortable or uncomfortable we are, but on Jesus. **What are some ways you remind yourself to focus on Jesus?**

These verses also highlight what Jesus has done for us. He endured intense suffering, shame, and death so we could be in relationship with God. Now he sits in authority at the right hand of God. **What difference does it make in your life to know what Jesus has done for you? How does his sacrifice affect your daily life?**

To live an extraordinary life means to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. **What could you do this week to focus on obeying Jesus as you go to work, school, church, home, or around your neighborhood?**

Following Jesus doesn't always mean we have to take a giant leap of faith. Sometimes it's just taking a small step of faith that pushes us slightly out of our comfort zone. This week, choose to obey Jesus, even if it makes you feel uncomfortable. Choose to live the extraordinary life of a follower of Jesus.

Select an activity from the list below to begin applying the lessons of this session to your life.

Pray: Ask God to push you out of your comfort zone this week. As opportunities arise, pray for the strength to take a step of obedience and praise God for what he chooses to do in and through you.

Read: Read chapters 6–9 of Tim Tebow’s book *This is the Day*.

Memorize: Commit Hebrews 12:1–2 to memory this week. Write the verses on a notecard or make them your phone background so you can remember to persevere as a follower of Jesus.

Encourage: Encourage someone this week who is having to persevere through a difficult situation. Write them a note. Give them a call. Or take them out to dinner. Ask to pray with them and tell them how God has helped you persevere in difficulty.

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