

La Novela de Dios

Episode 10 – The Radical Rescue Plan



group discussion flow

connect with needs

- Find out how they are doing.
- Pray for wisdom from God for the session.
- Start by stating: *"Sometimes things can get so bad that only a radical plan will save the day."*
Then, surface experiences:
"Let me tell you how I have experienced this."
"Tell us how you have experienced this."
- Transition to the Bible by saying, "This is also true in the Christian life."
- Illustration(s):

hear what God says

- Read (or tell) a Bible story/passage related to the topic.
Choices:
Hebrews 1:1-3
John 1:1-42
Commentary:
Hebrews 1:1-3 — Until this episode of La Novela de Dios, God has been using prophets, dreams, people to share his message. Now he cuts out the middle man and comes directly.
John 1:1-42 — In beautiful poetic imagery John opens his gospel telling the story of Christ. He shows that God's radical rescue plan was to no longer send His message through prophets. Now the message would come directly through God Himself. And it would not come from on high, but from someone who lived among us. (Why do you think that is important? See Heb. 4:14-16)

The radical rescue plan was that God would become a human to save humans. No one saw this one coming!

- Discuss each passage using these questions, or the alternate questions below:
"What do you think this passage teaches us?"
"What can we learn about God or our response to God?"

How do you think this passage relates to the statement we discussed earlier: *"Sometimes things can get so bad that only a radical plan will save the day."*

apply that to life

- State the main lesson: **"God chose a radical plan to save the world."** Have them write the **lesson learned** on their Mini-Journal card.
- Discuss:
What keeps us from seeing how truly radical this idea was?
If we truly believed that God came to live among us as Jesus, how would that change how we act?
"What is one action you can take this week thank God for sending His Son to 'move into the neighborhood'?"
- Have them write down their specific **action to take**. Then in groups of two or three, have them share what action they plan to take. Finally, have them pray for one another.

tell someone they know

- Ask whom they know who might be interested in hearing about what they are learning.
- Have them write the name after **person to tell**. Then, in groups of two or three, have them share whom they plan to tell. Finally, have them pray for one another.
- Encourage them to tell those people in the next few days.

notes & preparation checklist

pray

- Pray for wisdom.
- Pray for group members.

connect

- Think of a good personal example to share.
- Decide when and how to transition from **connect** to **hear**.

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hear

Alternate questions to ask:

- **Hebrews 1:1-3**
 1. Why do you think God decided to speak directly through Jesus?
 2. What does it mean that Jesus is "the exact representation of His being?"
 3. In your own words share what the main point of this passage is.

John 1:1-42

1. Who is "the Word"? How do you know?
2. In The Message version of the Bible, v. 14 says "The Word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood." Why was that such a radical idea? Why was it so important?
3. What does someone have to do to become a child of God? (see v.12)
4. What episode of La Novela de Dios does v.29 remind you of?
5. Why do you think the world did not recognize Jesus? (v.10-11)

notes & preparation checklist

apply

- Decide when and how to transition from **hear** to **apply**.
- Be prepared to encourage people to a specific action step. Have an example in mind.
- Print Mini Journal

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tell

- Commit to encourage people to do this despite their natural tendency not to.
- Look for group members who "tell" easily. They may be good at leading their own group soon.

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