

## Shake the Mountains

### Merchantville Small Group Guide

#### Warm-Up Questions

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#### Key Passage: Mark 11:1-2, 8-9

On Palm Sunday, Paul Zinn preached about how Jesus still shows up, fixes up, and levels us up—personally and powerfully. Drawing from Mark 11 and personal stories, he reminded us that God often moves through quiet nudges, persistent prayers, and unexpected moments. Whether we're waiting for breakthrough, feeling stuck in disappointment, or sensing a call to deeper purpose, Jesus is present and active. He challenges us not to settle for looking the part without bearing fruit, but to abide, listen, and live with the kind of faith that shakes mountains and brings others into God's story.

#### Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. Can you think of a time when you felt like God was speaking to you or guiding you in a specific way? What happened?
2. What's something you've been waiting on God for? How are you handling the wait right now?
3. Is there an area of your life that feels disconnected from God? What might it look like to invite Him into that space again?
4. Have you ever experienced God answering a prayer in a surprising or unexpected way? What did that teach you about Him?
5. What are some signs in your life that show you're growing or bearing spiritual fruit? Where do you want to grow more?
6. Do you ever find it hard to trust God when things don't turn out how you hoped? How do you navigate that tension?
7. Who in your life are you praying for or hoping to reach with your faith? What's one step you could take to love or serve them well?
8. What's something practical you could do this week to be more present with God—or with the people around you who need encouragement?

#### Challenge:

This week, take 15 intentional minutes to be still and ask God one simple question: "*What do You want me to know right now?*" Write down what you sense, even if it's just a small impression. Then take one step of obedience, no matter how small—whether it's reaching out to someone, praying boldly, or clearing space to connect with God again.

**Application:**

Don't stop at hearing—do something with what God shows you. Look for a way to bless someone else this week based on what God is stirring in your heart. Faith that bears fruit always impacts others.

**Pray**