



Head coach's discussion guide

Lesson 002 - Cement

- Prep the room:
 - Place Team name placards at each table
 - Place 1 teabag per man at each table
 - Place 1 big sack at each table
 - Game Time:
 - Wheelbarrow up front
 - Audio/visual ready to go
 - Background music cued up
- 1. Welcome
 - Tell guys:
 1. Everybody put a tea bag into your pocket
 2. Who can tell me last week's parable
 3. Did you use a match to disciple your kids or anyone?
 4. Did you use your GodTime last week?
- 2. GameTime: Sacked!
 - Ask each table to send its STRONGEST man forward, and bring the sack.
 - The first man who can open his teabag and hand it to me is the winner. GO!
 - Most guys won't drop the sack.
 - Ask them: what would have made it easier for him to win?
 - That sets up this week's parable. You'll see it twice, etc.
- 3. Play the parable video 2x. Pause on the parable text
 - Challenge the tables to reach a consensus
- 4. Table time: guys try to figure it out. Watch for hands
- 5. Top 5 interpretations
- 6. Play the interpretation video
 - Pause on The Big Question

7. Breaking Down the Parable (Head coach leads from the front)
 - **The foreman tells him to do 2 things. What are they?**
 1. Pick up the sack and then put it down
 2. Which one does he hear?
 - **What does the man do?**
 - **Why is he so exhausted?**
 - **Does he want to help others?**
 - **Why is he so useless to his co-workers?**
 - Head Coach picks up a sack:
 - **What would happen to me if I carried this bag for hours? How about days?**
 - **What would it do to my body?**
 - **What would it keep me from doing?**
 - **How do you think I would feel when I finally put it down? (I'm FREE!)**
 - **Does it make any sense for me to carry this around the rest of my life?**
 - This is what people think Christianity is.
 1. Pick up your sack of guilt and carry it the rest of your life.
 2. What Christianity actually is: Pick up the sack and then place it on Jesus.
8. Table time 2
 - Pray
 - 7 minute warning
 - 2 minute warning
 - Time's up
9. Ask for Five takeaways @ 30 seconds each
 - Parts 2, 3 and 4: Table discussions
10. Shareable parable
 - Roll the video and pause it on the QR code
11. Sneak peek of next week's parable
 - Roll the video again – let it roll to the end
12. Conclusion
 - Final insight: Pick up one of the sacks. Say to the group:
 1. Here's the devil's plan. That you would pick up this sack of guilt and shame and carry it the rest of your life. He wants your hands full so you cannot help others.
 2. This is what people think Christianity is all about – guilting people
 3. Now, what is Christ's plan?
 - Tea bag challenge
 1. Carry this in your pocket all week. When you notice it or touch it, hand your guilt and shame over to God.