

Small Groups

DISCUSSION GUIDE

“UNCOMMON” PART 3

PASTOR BLACKBURN & PASTOR SELLERS – SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

AS THE DISCUSSION LEADER, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Review your notes from the Sunday message and familiarize yourself with the discussion questions prior to your group meeting.
- Choose a few questions from the guide that you feel will generate the most discussion in your group.

GETTING TO KNOW ME (ICEBREAKER):

- If you could invite anyone—past or present—to dinner for a meaningful conversation, who would you invite and why?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Have someone read Matthew 9:10–13 and Mark 2:1–4.
- Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.” What does this tell us about the kind of people Jesus intentionally pursued? Who might be the “sick” or spiritually hurting people around us today?
- Think about the four men who carried the paralyzed man to Jesus. What do you think motivated them to go to such great lengths for their friend? What does their example teach us about caring for people who are hurting?
- The message contrasts “drive-by witnessing” with helping someone get into the presence of Jesus. What might “drive-by witnessing” look like today? (Have someone read James 2:14–17.) What are some ways we can move beyond simply saying, “Jesus loves you,” and walk alongside someone?
- The four friends encountered a major obstacle, the crowd, but they didn’t give up. What are some obstacles that can keep Christians from reaching people who are far from God? Which obstacles do you think are easiest for us to let stop us? Have you ever seen God use an unusual or unexpected method to reach someone? How can we become more creative in reaching people without compromising biblical truth?
- The message says, “God calls all of us who are Jesus followers to bear burdens.” Who is someone God may be asking you to “carry” right now? What could bearing that person’s burden actually look like this week?
- The message says, “Don’t give up on the first pass.” Is there someone you’ve been praying for or trying to reach who hasn’t responded? What would perseverance look like without becoming pushy or discouraged?
- The message ends with the mission: “To Know Christ and to Make Him Known.” Who is one person God has placed in your sphere of influence who may need Jesus, encouragement, or simply someone to walk alongside them? What is one specific step you can take toward that person this week? (Have someone read Matthew 28:19–20 and Acts 1:8.)

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

- Kayla Ferreira – **Brazil**
- Victoria Weston – **Florida Gulf Coast University – Chi Alpha**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Wednesday, September 30** – Don’t forget: all Victory Life classes, support groups, Royal Rangers, Girls’ Ministries, and VSC (6:30 PM).
- **Saturday, October 3** – Join us for Men’s Breakfast in the FLC. Cost is \$10.
- **Sunday, October 4** – Join us for GrowTrack each Sunday morning in the GrowTrack Room at 10:45 AM. You will learn about the Vision and Mission of Victory Church.