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# THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Ice Breaker: What's the most memorable underdog story you've ever heard, seen, or been part of?**

**Read:** 1 Timothy 4:12; Matthew 17:24-27, Jeremiah 1:4-7, Matthew 28:18-20; Isaiah 6:1-8, Matthew 21:16; Luke 19:39-40, Matthew 16:18, Ezekiel 37:1-12

## Discussion Questions:

- Timothy 4:12
  - Why do you think youth are often overlooked or underestimated in faith communities?
  - What does it practically look like to "set an example" in:
    - Speech, Conduct, Love, Faith, Purity
  - Which of these areas do you personally find most challenging and why?
  - How have you personally seen the Holy Spirit move in younger believers?
- The YTH will Cry Out (Matthew 17:24-27, Jeremiah 1:4-7, Matthew 28:18-20)
  - What does Matthew 17:24-27 help reveal about the ages of most of the disciples?
  - In Jeremiah's calling, God addresses his fear about being "too young." What does this teach us about how God views age and readiness?
  - What excuses do people today commonly use to avoid speaking up or stepping into the calling God has for them?
  - How does Jesus' authority in the Great Commission empower believers of all ages to act?
- You Better Cry Out (Isaiah 6:1-8, Matthew 21:16)
  - How does Isaiah's vision of God change the way he sees himself?
  - Why do personal encounters with God often precede a strong calling or response?
  - What does Matthew 21:16 tell us about whom God chooses to speak through?
  - Where might God be calling you to speak up, even if it feels uncomfortable?
- Closing Thoughts (Luke 19:39-40, Matthew 16:18, Ezekiel 37:1-12)
  - In Luke 19, Jesus says that if people remain silent, even creation will cry out. What does this say about the urgency of God being glorified?
  - In the valley of dry bones, why do you think God involves Ezekiel instead of acting alone?
  - What might it look like today for "dry bones" to come alive spiritually?
  - How does Ezekiel 37:1-12 challenge the idea of being passive in our faith?
  - How can you encourage, equip, and /or empower younger believers to step into their calling moving forward?
  - Why is it important to cry out to God, and how will you cry out to Him this week?

