



# TALK IT OVER

## A Vision of Perspective (Zechariah 4:1-14)

### How to use Talk It Over:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

### The Main Idea:

With God, small beginnings can have great endings.

### Key Questions:

- Imagine you are Zerubbabel, trying to lead the efforts to rebuild the temple. What obstacles might you face? What resistance might you experience? How is Zechariah trying to reshape Zerubbabel's perspective?
- What "mountains" are you facing in your life? What things need to be "moved" for life to become what you want it to be?
- What does v. 6 mean to you? If God were to say this to you, like he said it to Zerubbabel, how would you respond?
- Compare what God said in v. 7 to what Jesus said in Matthew 17:20 and Matthew 21:21-22. What point is the Bible making about "mountains"? How, according to the Bible, are mountains "moved"? How does this differ from the way we typically try to "move mountains"?
- If, according to Jesus, "faith moves mountains", what does it mean to have faith? What would faith look like practically in your life? What, specifically, would it look like to possess faith in the area of your life which you want God to move?

**Optional Questions:** If needed, include one or more of these questions to extend your conversation.

- Can you think of other examples in the Bible where people "started small", but through God's help, achieved amazing results?
- Why does God speak to Zerubbabel through a vision? Why not just speak in plain language? Why the symbols? Why the imagery?

### Next Steps:

- Identify the "mountain" you are facing. Pray intentionally (same time, same place) each day this week that God would give you faith to trust him to achieve His good plan for you in this area.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Continue to familiarize yourself with the book of Zechariah by reading the remaining chapters of the book. Continue to note Zechariah's use of imagery and symbolism, remembering not to worry if the images and symbols don't make complete sense to you. Just continue to get a flavor of Zechariah's literary style and his overall message.

Day 1	Zechariah 7:1-14
Day 2	Zechariah 8:1-23
Day 3	Zechariah 9:1-17
Day 4	Zechariah 10:1-12
Day 5	Zechariah 11:1-17
Day 6	Zechariah 12:1-14
Day 7	Zechariah 13:1-9

### Bible Reading Background

Remember, the book of Zechariah is an example of ancient, apocalyptic literature, noted for its use of imagery and symbolism. Zechariah is also a prophet, revealing through apocalyptic images both what God is currently doing and what he will do in the future. Much of Zechariah's message in the second half of the book references what God will ultimately do through the work of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Read chapter 14 in its entirety before beginning the daily Bible readings, as a way of seeing how Zechariah envisions his prophecies ultimately being fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Many of Zechariah's prophecies seem to have an immediate fulfillment in the work of Zerubbabel, but an even greater fulfillment in the person of Jesus Christ.