



*Exposing the lies
our culture tells us.*

Lie #5: The Sky is the Limit

INTRODUCTION— What happens when you don't raise a child well

Exposing the Lie: "The Sky is the Limit"

1. More is always better

(Truth: It depends on what it is)

2. I can do anything and be anything I put my mind to

(Truth: you have great potential but many of the most important deciding factors are beyond your control – particularly who is around you to help you)

Detoxifying With Truth – The power of human potential

We are made in the image of God to reflect his character and care for creation.

Genesis 1:27-28

We are designed to work together to make the impossible possible.

Genesis 11:1-9

Using our powers for good, not evil

Through Jesus we are restored to God's original vision for humanity.

Acts 2:1-12; 42-47

What is our new mission?

Proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus – Reconnecting people to God and seeing their lives and relationships transformed

Demonstration of the Gospel of Jesus – Caring for the poor and vulnerable as a part of being true family

Questions to Ask...

1. What does the world need more of?
2. What impossible task should we be working on together to make possible?
3. What role can I play in God's restoring work on the planet?

CONCLUSION – The sky IS the limit...but what do we want to do with this power?

Ephesians 3:14-21

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. Ghandi said, "Live simply so that others may simply live." Name some ways a person in the west could simplify their lives so that they might help others benefit from that change.
2. What one insight or new thought from this series challenges you the most? How is it starting to impact how you think or the choices you make?

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Romans 12:21 states, "Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good." This is a concluding verse to the entire chapter of Romans 12. (a) Read Romans 12:1-2. What are the key aspects to properly discerning God's will within a culture that doesn't tell you the truth? Also see Ephesians 4:17-25 for additional insights to include in your discussion. How can you work together in Home Church to help each other with discerning God's will?; (b) Read Romans 12:3-13. What key qualities need to be present in a community committed to communicating and living the message of Jesus? What aspects of your Home Church can you work to improve to better reflect Paul's challenge?; (c) Read Romans 12:14-20. Why is loving our enemies key to living a counter-cultural life? Why is maintaining a loving attitude so important in how we challenge people with the radical nature of following Jesus?

SO WHAT?...

4. Identify for your group one practical change you would like to make in your daily life this coming year based on this message or on this series.
5. Take time to pray for each other regarding this new commitment.

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