

## **WEEK 7: Believe Big (Jabez)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

We can learn a lot from Jabez, this *little, big man* in the Bible...a two-verse Bible wonder. His life represents the potential of every woman and every man to ask God for something bold. Jabez had a rough beginning in life, but was brave enough to ask God for something awesome in his future, and God answered him. We saved Jabez for the end of our series to give you one final encouragement on your road to great character development.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Do you know the meaning of your own name? Take a few moments and Google the root meaning of your name. Enjoy some discussion about what your name means.
2. Read 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 (Keep these verses open as you respond to each of the remaining questions). What does 'honourable' mean to you?
3. Read Proverbs 10:22 and Matthew 7:7-8. How do you define the word "bless"? If you were to ask God for a blessing, what do you envision that would look like in your life?
4. Read Colossians 3:17. Jabez prayed for his territory to be expanded. How would you interpret this "expanded territory" concept for you, in non-geographic terms?
5. Read Matthew 28:20. Jabez wanted to experience the awareness of the presence of God. How aware are you of God's presence in your life? How do you recognize God's presence?

### **MOVING FORWARD**

*A prayer: "Dear God, help me to move forward and embrace my identity in You. Today I ask that You would bless me with expanded opportunity and influence, the awareness of Your presence, and that You would make me more like Jesus through every experience."*