

# I CAN ONLY IMAGINE™

— CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY RESOURCES —



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# MOVIE OVERVIEW

It's the song that brings ultimate hope to so many and beginning March 16, Bart Millard's inspiring, real-life story behind the beloved MercyMe song will encourage people in a whole new way. *I Can Only Imagine* is a gripping reminder about the power of forgiveness, beautifully illustrating that no one is ever too far from God's love—or from an eternal home in Heaven.



J. Michael Finley



Dennis Quaid



Priscilla Shirer



Cloris Leachman



Trace Adkins



Madeline Carroll



The *I Can Only Imagine* movie embodies the same powerful message of hope that made us fall in love with the song. This true story reminds us that it's never too late to forgive and we're never too broken for God's redemption."

Kyle Idleman  
Pastor at Southeast Christian Church



9.6 OUT OF 10 AVERAGE SCREENING RATING



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# KEY THEMES



It's a fallen world. We've all sinned against others, and we've been sinned against. We've all been deeply hurt, and we've all deeply hurt others. These wounds often negatively affect our perception of God. What if He is truly greater than we can imagine? Bart Millard was raised in a broken home by his angry and abusive father, Arthur. But Bart was not beyond God's sight and Arthur was not beyond God's grace. Neither are we.

#### **Biblical Focus:**

- Son reveals the Father – Jn. 1:18 • Adopted by the Father – Jn. 16:27, Eph. 1:4-8
- God is love – 1 Jn. 4:7-10 • The baptism of Jesus – Matt. 3:13-17
- Prodigal son – Lk. 15 • Children of God – 1 Jn. 3:1 • Father's love sending Jesus – 1 Jn. 3:16



In the Gospels, Jesus says He is able and willing to forgive our sins; He also says God's forgiveness is contingent upon our forgiving others. Yet God is faithful and gives us the virtues He requires of us. After years of abuse, Bart did not believe he could forgive Arthur, and Arthur did not believe he could be forgiven. God would prove them both wrong.

#### **Biblical Focus:**

- Jesus forgives & heals paralyzed man – Mk. 2:1-12 • Teaching on forgiveness – Matt. 6:9-15
- Jesus anointed by a sinful woman – Lk. 7:36-50 • Forgiveness and the cross – Lk. 23:34, Matt. 26:28
- Ultimate act of forgiveness – Mk. 15:34 • Parable of the Unforgiving Servant – Matt. 18:23-35
- Wandering sheep – Matt. 18:10-14



The Apostle Paul writes, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" When we profess faith in the risen Christ, God not only forgives our sins, but He gives us a new heart. Bart was in literal disbelief at the changes in Arthur's life. Bart would soon learn that all things are possible with God and even the hardest of hearts can be changed, including his own.

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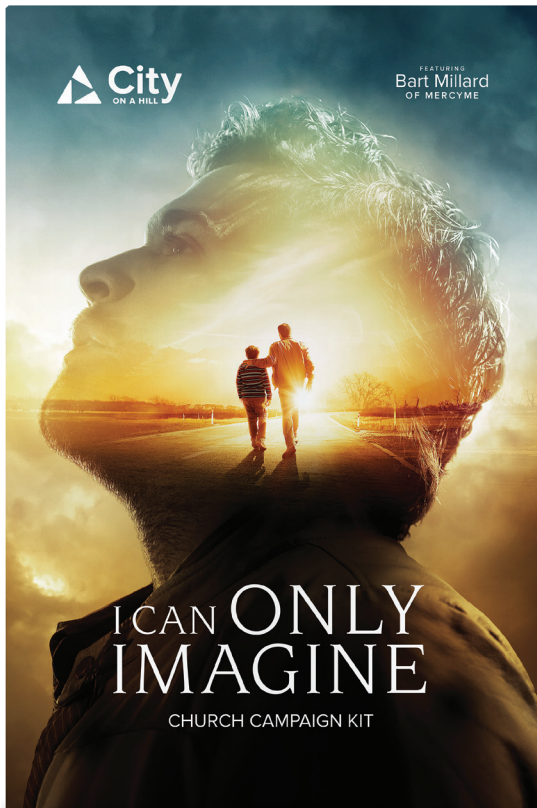
- Man with leprosy – Matt. 8:1-5 • Jesus eats with Levi and sinners – Mk. 2:13-17
- Healing, Sabbath, rest – Matt. 12:1-14 • The Last Supper – Matt. 26:18-29



In addition to forgiveness of sins and a new heart, Jesus promises eternal life to all those who follow Him. It's one thing to claim to believe this, but it's another thing to live like it's true. Shortly after his reconciliation with Bart, Arthur lost his battle with cancer. However, God fulfilled His promise to comfort those who mourn. As Bart was grieving the death of his father, he penned a song about the hope of heaven that has comforted and inspired millions.

#### **Biblical Focus:**

- Jesus and Lazarus: hope beyond the grave – Jn. 11 • Resurrection texts – Matt. 28, Jn. 20
- Jesus comforts His Disciples, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit – Jn. 14
- At the home of Martha and Mary – Lk. 10:38-42



## CHURCH CAMPAIGN KIT

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**T**he local church has been charged with the mission of sharing the hope of the gospel, but this mission can be challenging in a relentlessly broken world. How can you restore hope when someone feels rejected, guilty, or broken?

Before he became the lead singer of MercyMe, Bart Millard suffered a painful childhood. Abused by his father, Bart built walls around his heart. He couldn't see hope.

Using Bart Millard's story of pain redeemed, brokenness restored, and God glorified, you can guide your church to recall their past wounds, reorient their present identity, and reimagine their future.

Help your community finally see themselves through God's eyes and find healing in his approval, purpose, and eternal hope.

### INCLUDES EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO SHARE THE HOPE-GIVING MESSAGE OF *I CAN ONLY IMAGINE* WITH YOUR COMMUNITY



#### PASTOR'S KIT

4-week sermon series and children's lessons on forgiveness, redemption, and eternal hope



#### SERIES

4-episodes featuring Bart Millard and scenes from the *I Can Only Imagine* Movie



#### LEADER'S GUIDE

Questions, scripture and guidance for leading a discussion around the Series



#### JOURNAL

4-week study of the life and ministry of Jesus: can be used as a participant's guide for the Series



#### PLANNING GUIDE

Expert tips, strategies, promotional plans, and checklists to assist you in implementing your church campaign



#### PROMO TOOLS

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## SMALL GROUP KIT

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How can we overcome loss, release guilt, and conquer fear in a world that is afflicted with constant hurt and struggles? The *I Can Only Imagine* Small Group Kit combines a **4-Episode Video Series** (featuring Bart Millard of MercyMe), a **28-Day Journal** (Participant's Guide), and a wisdom-filled **Leader's Guide** that makes it easy to lead your small group on a journey of redemption and healing.



## JOURNAL

UPC: 978-1-939622-50-1 | 192 Pages | Price: \$14.99 | 40 per case

Find hope and purpose in this 28-day study of Jesus's life and ministry. This beautifully designed 28-day study journal is effective as a standalone study or as a participant's guide for the *I Can Only Imagine* Video Series. Embark on a journey through the Gospels to discover Jesus' encounters with broken people. Each day will include scripture, reflective questions, and prayer—all working together to reveal God's incredible heart for you.





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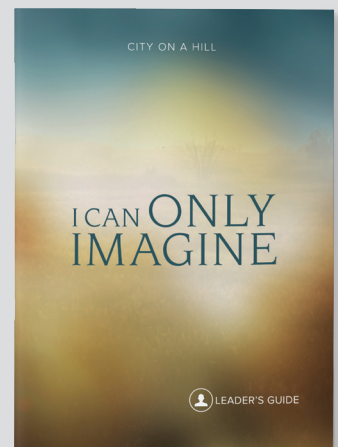
Want to hear more of Bart Millard's incredible testimony after watching *I Can Only Imagine*? This 4-Episode Video Series features Bart Millard, lead singer of MercyMe. Bart shares his true testimony of redemption and hope, along with the lessons God has instilled in him. Contains select scenes from the *I Can Only Imagine* movie. Each episode is approximately 12 minutes.



## LEADER'S GUIDE

UPC: 978-1-939622-49-5 | 56 Pages | Price: \$14.99 | 40 per case

Many small group leaders feel ill-equipped to create a natural conversation that leads to a meaningful experience for their group members. This *I Can Only Imagine* Leader's Guide works in conjunction with the Video Series to equip group leaders with helpful tips on leading a group, thoughtful discussion questions for each week, and suggested scripture to read. Create a directed, safe, and open environment to lead your group through a redemptive transformation — from past brokenness to everlasting hope.



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UPC: 6-02573-39964-4 | 128 Pages | Price: \$39.99

Journaling has always been a healing exercise for Bart Millard, lead singer of MercyMe and writer of the song, "I Can Only Imagine". Bart's journals act as a record of God's amazing grace throughout his life. Using this refillable leather notebook, begin to create your own library of prayers, thoughts, and questions and start to see the evidence of God at work in your life.



*Handcrafted in Haiti, each notebook is unique and helps to support sustainable and dignified employment.*



## YM360 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

If you want to see the powerful message of *I Can Only Imagine* impact students in your youth ministry, here's your chance. YM360 has produced a 4-session Small Group Bible Study featuring clips from the movie, along with a 4-week devotional journal that explores the themes in the film. These two resources will take students deeper in their understanding of grace, forgiveness, and the power of the gospel. These resources are recommended for ages 12 - 18.

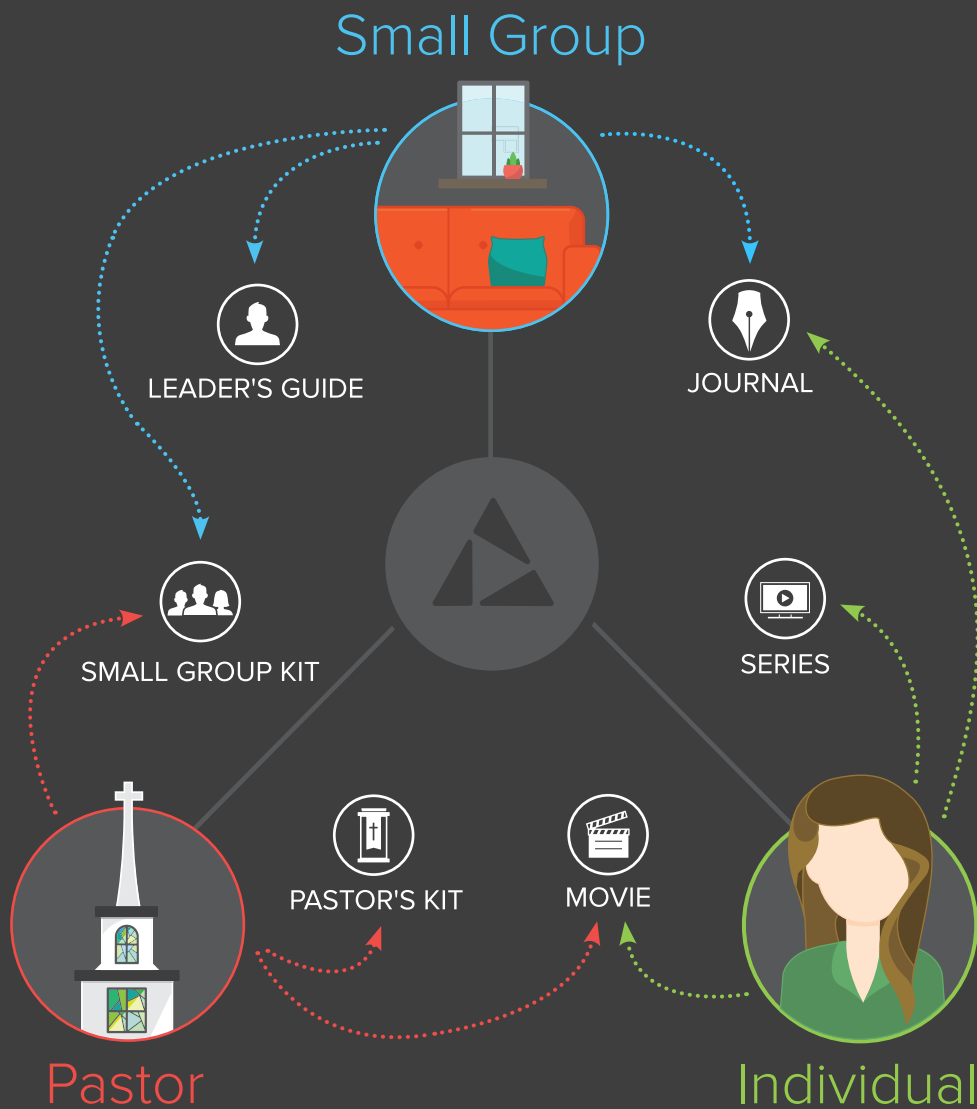
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