



Community Group Leader Guide

For the Week of November 17-23, 2024

Sermon Series: *Abundantly More: Week 3*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharing Christmas

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- Sign up to serve
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Icebreaker:

Ask the group: *"Think about a time when you received something far beyond what you expected. Maybe it was a gift, an opportunity, or even just a great experience. How did that make you feel, and what was your reaction?"*

Quick Review:

In *Abundantly More - Week 3*, the focus is on recognizing God's ability to do abundantly more than we could ever ask or imagine. Using Ephesians 3:20-21 as the foundation, we looked at parallels between God's creation and His work in our lives. Just as He created an awe-inspiring Earth with unimaginable diversity, God blesses His people beyond expectations. We pivoted to the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 and highlighted how God can multiply even the smallest offering to meet great needs. This message encourages us to place what little we have in God's hands, trusting Him to do abundantly more in our lives and in the church.

Make It Personal:

1. When you look at creation (the Earth, space, etc.), how does it reflect God's abundance?
2. How have you experienced God doing "abundantly more" in your life than you expected?
3. What's a current personal or ministry area where you're asking God to do "abundantly more"?

STUDY

Go Deeper:

1. How can the church (locally or globally) position itself to experience "abundantly more" of God's work?
2. **Read John 6.** How does Jesus multiply the little that the boy had? What lesson can we learn about offering what we have to God?
3. **Read Ephesians 3:20-21...** and then read it again! What does that teach us about God's character and power? How does it apply to your everyday life?

Action Steps:

1. **Pray** over the different needs of our church, asking God to provide resources for both "bikes" and "braces" needs.
2. **Reflect** – Remember an area in your life where God has done more than you expected, and thank Him for it.
3. **Give** – Identify an area you want to give towards and then head to clifec.com/give.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for an increase in faith to expect "abundantly more" from God.
2. Ask God to show you how to trust Him with the little you have, like the boy's loaves and fish.
3. Pray for the church's leadership as they make decisions about resources, staffing, and expansion.
4. Lift up the church's financial needs, both the exciting and mundane, that God would provide abundantly.

BONUS CONTENT AND TIPS FOR LEADERS

Encouraging Deeper Conversations: Ask participants to share personal stories of times they trusted God with a small offering and saw Him multiply it. Hopefully, this will lead to testimonies encouraging others in the group.

Connection to Daily Life: When discussing the church's "braces" (necessary but unexciting tasks), help participants see the value in the mundane. Ask them, "How can we adopt a mindset of faith even for the 'less glamorous' parts of serving?"

Handling Hesitations: Some people may struggle with the idea of giving or serving in areas that aren't exciting. Gently guide the conversation by asking, "What happens if the church doesn't address these less exciting needs?" Emphasize the importance of every part of the body working together.

Discussion on Vision: Invite the group to imagine what God could do through the church if resources weren't an issue. Ask the group to consider what it would look like if they put their "yes" on the table before God and let Him work through their willingness.