



You're Invited

Week 1 - Bring What You Have Discussion Guide

Jesus is easily the most incredible person to have walked the earth. He was able to calm storms and turn water into wine. He could speak boldly to thousands and deal gently with individuals. Jesus healed blind eyes, strengthened weak legs, and made well those who were sick. If anyone could change the world all by Himself, it was Jesus. However, He chose to involve others in the process. You're invited to be a part of what God is doing!

Jump Start

1. Think of a time when someone unexpectedly met your need. How did that make you feel?
2. *Christ invites us to feel compassion for others.* Read [Galatians 6:2](#), [1 Peter 3:8](#), and [1 John 3:17](#). We are called to “bear one another’s burdens.” It is part of our job as a Jesus-follower. What are some practical ways we can “bear one another’s burdens?” How did Jesus model compassion?
3. *Christ invites us to bring what we have.* Read [Matthew 15:32-37](#) and [2 Corinthians 9:10](#). When Jesus fed the 5,000, he did it with the meager offerings the disciples were able to scrape together. According to 2 Corinthians 9:10, what happens to the “harvest of your righteousness” (the fruits of your obedience to God)? Have you ever felt like you didn’t have enough to give? In your own life, have you ever seen God multiply even your most inadequate resources and use them to help others?
4. *Christ invites us to participate in the miracle.* Read [Matthew 14:17-18](#), [John 9:1-7](#), and [Luke 5:4-7](#). All of these passages have one thing in common: the miracle happened when people accepted Jesus’ invitation to participate. They stepped out in faith and God provided the miracle. Describe the moment when the miracle occurred in each of these passages of Scripture. God can certainly do miracles without our help or intervention, so why does He ask us to participate?
5. Final Thought: Compassion is not just feeling sorry for someone; compassion is empathy in action. It is sympathizing with someone’s situation so deeply that we feel compelled to do whatever we can to alleviate their pain. Think about a time when your compassion moved you to action, and recall what God did with your faithfulness to step into His purpose. Where might God be calling you to serve, give, and love more deeply than you already do?

Deeper

6. **Read [Matthew 19:16-22](#)**. What would it look like if God asked you to sell everything you own today and live “all in” for Him? This story is a reminder of how difficult it is to be obedient if we elevate anything (people, possessions, etc.) above God. If you made a list of things you would willingly give to God if He requested them, what would that list look like? What would be missing from it? What is something you are “afraid” God might require of you?
7. **Read [Acts 2:42-47](#)**. The fellowship of the believers in the emerging church we read about in Acts was unlike anything we see in contemporary Christianity. Our culture encourages us to operate in a scarcity mindset: “What I have is mine, and I need to hold onto it because I might need it.” The Bible says that even the birds of the air “do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them” ([Matthew 6:26](#)). When we hold our possessions loosely with open hands, God may take them, but He won’t leave us naked and hungry. He will “open the storehouses and pour out blessings” for us in response to our faithfulness ([Malachi 3:10](#)). In what areas of your life are you operating from a scarcity mindset?
8. In our brokenness, in our weakness, Jesus can be our Restorer. **Read [2 Corinthians 12:1-10](#)** and **[Luke 4:16-19](#)**. Where do you feel broken, beaten down, or unworthy? How can bringing what you have, including your deepest hurts or failures, begin a miracle of healing?