

Small Group Discussion Guide

Formed By... | *What is forming you - and who are you becoming?*

Part 6: When What You Have Isn't Enough

BIG Idea: The pressure in front of you is not necessarily evidence that God failed to equip you. It may be the very place where he reveals what he has already entrusted to you and demonstrates what his power can do through surrendered insufficiency.

Application: Surrender what Christ has already placed in your hands and trust his power to accomplish what your ability alone never could.

Discussion Questions

Icebreaker: What is something you once assumed you would be naturally good at—only to discover your limitations rather quickly?

1. Read Luke 9:1–2. What did Jesus give the disciples before sending them? What does this reveal about the true source of their authority and ability?
2. Kelsey said, “Jesus sends people who are still becoming who He intends them to be.” How does that challenge the belief that we must feel completely ready or qualified before serving?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7. What does the image of treasure carried in fragile jars teach us about the difference between the person God uses and the power God supplies?
4. Read Luke 9:10–13. What legitimate limitations were the disciples facing? Why is honestly acknowledging our limitations different from allowing those limitations to have the final word?
5. Kelsey said, “Yesterday’s usefulness cannot become today’s sufficiency.” How can previous experience or success tempt us to depend less upon Jesus?
6. Read John 15:5. Why should dependence upon Christ be understood as a sign of spiritual maturity rather than personal failure?
7. Read Luke 9:13–17. What did the disciples bring to Jesus, what did Jesus provide, and what responsibility did He give back to them?
8. Consider this statement: “The question was never whether five loaves were enough for five thousand people. They weren’t. The question was whether five loaves were safe in the hands of Jesus.” What do you currently possess—or what opportunity is before you—that feels too small or insufficient?
9. Read 1 Peter 4:10–11. What gifts, experiences, relationships, or opportunities has God already entrusted to you? How might He use them to serve someone else?

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10. What is one faithful and practical step you can take this week to make yourself available to Christ and His purposes?

Prayer Prompt: Invite each person to name one area where they feel inadequate or one opportunity they believe God may be placing before them. Pray that each person would surrender what Christ has already placed in their hands, depend upon the strength He provides, and trust Him with the results.