WEEK 46: NOVEMBER 8 - 14
DISCIPLESHIP GROUP LESSON

MEETING AGENDA



1. **OPENING PRAYER** - Ask one person to open the meeting in prayer.
2. **GROWTH QUESTIONS** - Ask everyone the Growth Questions.
3. **ATTENDANCE**- Take attendance through the DG Attendance System.
4. **TODAY'S LESSON** - Go over this week's DG lesson.
5. **GIVING** - Encourage everyone to give on the App.
6. **CLOSING PRAYER** - Ask for prayer requests and pray.



GROWTH QUESTION #1

Who would like to share a highlight, praise report, or testimony from this week?



GROWTH QUESTION #2

What did you learn from this week's sermon?



GROWTH QUESTION #3

What was your most important accomplishment this week?

EVEN THE HARD PATHS OVERFLOW

Psalm 65:11 (NLT) *"You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance."*

INTRODUCTION

- God wants us to walk in the overflow of His blessings.
- But when life is filled with challenges and disappointments, it can be hard to recognize God's overflow in our lives.
- In Psalm 65, David reflects on God's provision and faithfulness, looking back over the year and recognizing how God had provided.
- The Hebrew word for *crown (atar)* means to surround or encircle. God wraps the entire year in His goodness, not just the good months or easy seasons.
- God's goodness isn't limited to just the good months, answered prayers, or easy seasons. God's goodness surrounds the entire year.
- The presence of hardship doesn't mean the absence of God's provision.
- The hard path doesn't cancel the overflow. God's provision overflows even when the road gets rough.

INTERACTIVE QUESTION

Do you think it's possible to experience blessings and hardships at the same time? Why or why not?

TRUTH #1

YOUR NEED CAN BE WHERE YOU SEE GOD PROVIDE!

1 Kings 17:8-16 (NLT) 8 *"Then the Lord said to Elijah, 9 "Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you." 10 So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, "Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?" 11 As she was going to get it, he called to her, "Bring me a bite of bread, too." 12 But she said, "I swear by the Lord your God that I don't have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die." 13 But Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you've said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what's left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the Lord sends rain and the crops grow again!"15 So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days. 16 There was always enough flour and olive oil left in the containers, just as the Lord had promised through Elijah.*

- None of us want to be in need. But sometimes it's in our greatest need that we get to experience God's provision.
- You don't fully understand what it means for God to be your provider until you've had to depend on Him to provide.
- In 1 Kings 17, God sends Elijah to a widow during a severe famine. She had very little food and was preparing what she thought would be her last meal.
- God wasn't sending Elijah to take what little she had. He was creating an opportunity for her to experience his provision.
- Because she trusted and obeyed God, He continued to provide food for her family throughout the famine.

- God didn't give her a warehouse full of food. He provided what she needed day after day.
- Overflow doesn't just always mean having more than enough stored up. Sometimes it means God continues to provide exactly what you need.
- Sometimes the very thing we're asking God to remove is the situation where we'll experience His provision.

INTERACTIVE QUESTION

Is there an area of your life where you're struggling to trust God to provide? What would it look like for you to trust Him in that area?

TRUTH #2

GOD IS YOUR SOURCE, NOT YOU!

LUKE 5:4-7 (NLT) *"When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." 5 "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." 6 And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! 7 A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking."*

- One of the biggest things standing in the way of trusting God's provision is our desire to figure everything out ourselves.
- Peter was a professional fisherman. He knew how to fish, but even with all his experience and effort, he had caught nothing. Jesus instructed Peter to go back out and try again. Even though it didn't make sense to Peter, he chose to trust Jesus and obey.
- Nothing about Peter's circumstances changed. He had the same boat, the same nets, and the same lake. The difference was that he followed Jesus' instructions.
- Sometimes we depend so much on our own knowledge, abilities, and resources that we forget to seek God for direction.

- Our jobs, money, and abilities are resources God can use, but He is ultimately our Provider.

INTERACTIVE QUESTION
Have you ever felt God leading you to do something that didn't make sense to you? How did you respond?

TRUTH #3

WHEN YOU MEET SOMEONE ELSE'S NEED, GOD WILL MEET YOURS!

Proverbs 11:25 AMP *"The generous man [is a source of blessing and] shall be prosperous and enriched, and he who waters will himself be watered [reaping the generosity he has sown]."*

- God doesn't just want to provide for us. He also wants to use us to provide for others.
- Sometimes we can get so focused on our own needs that we overlook the needs of the people around us,
- One of the lies we believe is that we are in need, we have nothing to give.
- Sometimes God's provision comes through other people, and sometimes God wants to use us to be the answer to someone else's need.
- When we become a blessing to others, we experience blessings ourselves.

INTERACTIVE QUESTION
How can focusing on our own needs keep us from recognizing opportunities to be a blessing to others?

CLOSING QUESTION

What is one thing you learned today that you want to put into practice this week?

GIVING



True giving is measured by the sacrificial love behind the gift rather than its monetary value.

Mark 12:42-44 (NLT)

42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. 43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. 44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

Encourage everyone to give their tithes and offerings.

PRAYER

QUESTION #1
Who are you praying for to be saved?

QUESTION #2
Who can you invite to the next meeting?

QUESTION #3
What are your prayer requests?