

## Small Group Guide: Jesus Is ... Building My Faith - A Little Into a Lot

### Opening Question (choose one):

- Imagine you are at a large dinner party with unexpected guests arriving continuously—what creative way would you use to make sure everyone gets fed?
- What's the most resourceful or creative solution you've come up with when faced with an "unsolvable" problem in your everyday life?

**Opening Prayer:** *Dear God, thank You for bringing us together today. We're grateful for this time to grow in our faith and study Your Word together. Guide us today as we discuss how You can use small beginnings to accomplish great things. Help us to hear from You and to live-out what we are learning. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.*

### Key Takeaways:

1. Faith is essential for pleasing God and growing in spiritual maturity.
2. God often uses challenging situations to stretch and develop our faith.
3. When facing seemingly impossible problems, we should turn to God rather than procrastinate, pass the buck, or worry.
4. God can use and multiply whatever we offer Him in faith, no matter how small it may seem.
5. Surrendering our lives to God may involve sacrifice, but it leads to greater spiritual fruitfulness.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to "walk in Him" as mentioned in **Colossians 2:6-7**? How can we practically apply this in our daily lives?
2. Reflect on Abraham's faith journey (mentioned in **Hebrews 11:8**). Have you ever felt God calling you to step out in faith without knowing the full picture? Share your experience.
3. According to **Hebrews 11:6**, why is faith essential in our relationship with God? How does this verse challenge or encourage you?
4. In the story of feeding the 5,000, what strikes you most about Jesus' approach to the problem? How does this relate to challenges in your own life?
5. In this sermon, Pastor Dan outlines four steps in how faith turns a little into a lot:
  - STEP 1. ADMIT I HAVE AN UNSOLVABLE PROBLEM.
  - STEP 2. GIVE GOD WHAT LITTLE I ALREADY HAVE.
  - STEP 3. PUT IT ALL IN THE HAND OF JESUS.
  - STEP 4. EXPECT GOD TO MULTIPLY IT.
  - *Which step do you find most challenging, and why?*
6. Have you ever experienced God multiplying your small offering of faith? Share your story with the group.
7. **Read John 12:24-26.** How does this passage relate to the concept of faith and sacrifice? What does this passage mean to you personally?

### **Practical Applications:**

1. Identify an area in your life where you need to exercise more faith. Commit to praying about it daily this week.
2. Practice gratitude by keeping a “thankfulness journal” for the next week, noting how God is working in your life.
3. Choose one small thing you can offer to God this week (time, talent, or resource) and do so with the expectation that He will use it.
4. Share the story of feeding the 5,000 with someone who is struggling with an “impossible” situation, encouraging them to trust God.
5. **Memorize Mark 10:27:** “All things are possible with God.” Recite it when facing challenges this week.

**Closing Prayer:** *Lord, thank You for this time together and for showing us what faith really looks like—and how You can take just a little and do something amazing with it. As we head into the rest of our week, help us to hold onto You, especially when life feels uncertain. We’re grateful for Your presence with us and for the community we have here. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*