



OCTOBER'S THEME
CHANGE

SCRIPTURE John 6:1-13

BOTTOM LINE God multiplies our giving.

MEMORY VERSES John 6:11-12

LIFE APP God takes the little we have and multiplies it.



- Tonight there will be a game that ties into the multiply theme. Also, there will be a video that shows the power of generosity, and a skit that shows us how to have generous hearts.
- We will also hear from a student who went to Doulos Discovery School. If you have students that are interested, connect them with Jason or Eric.

MY GOAL FOR THE NIGHT:



The power of a seed is amazing. If you put one seed in the ground, it can become a plant which will create more seeds, which will create a plant that creates more seeds--it multiplies! God does the same with what we have to give. So often we feel like we don't have enough to solve a problem or make a dent in a situation; much like the disciples with Jesus when he fed the 5,000. But, what this story teaches us is that it is not about whether or not we have a lot to give, but that we have giving hearts. God can take our five loaves and two fish and make immeasurably more! The key is preparing your heart to give what you can, when you can and letting God do the rest.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Tell a story about a time when you have been overwhelmed by the generosity of other people? What did you notice about these people as they gave? Have you been generous towards someone?
- What do you think keeps us from having generous hearts? What effect do you think society or culture has on our attitudes towards giving?
- Do you think that the local church is a "safe" or "good" place to give of your time, treasure, and talent? Why or why not?
- READ: John 6:1-13. Have you ever been in a situation like the disciples where you have been overwhelmed by the great need in the world around you? How so? Have you every seen the way that God takes the little that we all bring and multiplies it to make a difference? What do you think of the small child in this story? Were you generous like this at a different time in your life?
- What do you think you would have done if you were in the skit you saw tonight? Would you have wanted the gem or would you have wanted the generous heart that allows the person to give? Why?
- What was your initial reaction to the video we saw tonight? Why do you think that the husband reacted the way that he did? Can you think of a situation in your social circle where this kind of generosity could happen? What is the situation?
- What would you say are the "five loaves and two fish" in your possession that God could multiply?

EXTRAS

GEM TEXT

What You Need: Phone and Gem from worship (*Early groups will only be able to do this activity after worship*)

What You Do: It is amazing how generous people can be. Especially when they have very little means with which to be generous. Look at the gem you received in worship tonight and think of a situation where someone who you know didn't have much, gave you a lot. Send them a text or a message of thanks for their generosity.

JUST FOR FUN

WATCH IT GROW!

What You Need: Ziploc baggie of Jelly BeadZ for each kid, 1 water bottle per group, Pen/marker to label the Ziploc

What You Do: Give each kid a baggie of Jelly BeadZ. Have them put their name on the baggie and pour a small amount of water, just enough to cover the BeadZ. Seal the bags and put them aside while you work through tonight's study. Send the baggie home with each kid so they can see how they grow overnight.

Goal: It doesn't take a lot to make little things grow!