



OCTOBER'S THEME
CHANGE

SCRIPTURE John 6:1-13

BOTTOM LINE God multiplies our giving

MEMORY VERSES John 6:11-12

LIFE APP God will multiply what you're able to give



- 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:

**THINK
ABOUT THIS**

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

- What experiences have you had in a garden? Have your parents or your grandparents ever planted a garden? Have you ever planted a seed and seen a plant grow from it? What did you plant?
- What does generosity mean to you? Who are the most generous people in your life? Why? What do they give? Would you say that you are generous like they are?
- Do you think that it was easier to be generous when you were younger? If so, what do you think has made it more difficult as you have gotten older?
- READ: John 6:1-13. Do you think that the young child thought that Jesus could do what he did with the five loaves and two fish? If so, do you think that Jesus can do the same with what you have?
- In the video we watched tonight, what was the most impactful element for you? Was it the people giving or the family receiving? Have you ever seen something like it? Have you ever been a part of something like it? What was that like?
- tonight you saw a skit about generosity. What was that all about? Do you think that you would have made the same decision to learn about how to be generous rather than take the gem? Why or why not?
- Can you think of someone who needs your generosity right now? What is it that you think you need to be generous with in that situation? What would it look like for God to multiply your generosity?

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!