

November 9 & 10, 2019 | Greater Things – week 3
Group Discussion Questions

GROUP PREP

In preparation for group, read [1 Kings 17:8-16](#) and [watch Emmanuel's Weekend Services message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

INTRODUCTION

What a blessing it is to partner with God in our generosity to do great things for His kingdom. Sadly, many of us feel we can't give toward the advancement of God's kingdom because it will put us under financial constraint, but that just isn't true. Our faith is too small. God is our Great Supplier, and when obedient to the call of generosity, we free ourselves from financial burden.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Generosity is the blessing of others with our God-given resources. How have you been blessed with time, money, and talents? Describe a time when you've blessed others with what God has given you. What reciprocal blessing was generated because you used your gifts for others?

2. What resonates with you most after reading about the widow Elijah met at Zarephath in [1 Kings 17:8-16](#)?

Why do you think this woman went ahead and fixed Elijah some bread even though she only had enough for her and her son?

In v. 14, Elijah shares with the widow that "there will always be flour and oil left in your containers." What did this woman discover about generosity?

Read [Proverbs 11:25](#). What are your needs? How has God supplied you far beyond your needs?

Every time we are asked to be generous, we find ourselves in the same predicament as this widow – we can either use what God has provided us for ourselves or others. What are you currently using for yourself that you could be using to bless others?

3. Our God is the Great Supplier. Read [Malachi 3:6-12](#). If you think and behave like a giver, you'll give more, consume less, and have more left over. How is this possible?

"Greater things" are initiatives that impact others and advance the kingdom of God. What is one "greater thing" you'd like to be a part of financially but felt you haven't had the resources? What obstacle stands in your way?

ACTION STEP

4. In [Malachi 3:10](#), God says, "put me to the test." Going forward, what is your plan to test God, build trust in Him, and do "greater things" with your finances?

If your plan to do "greater things" includes partnering with Emmanuel Church, visit Emmanuel's [giving page](#) for options to give, an explanation of why we give, and to view our church's annual report.

OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION

PACK A BAG. Emmanuel is collecting non-perishable food items for families in need. In your lobby, there are metal bins with bags inside. Take a bag and fill it with the items attached, then bring the bag back to place it in the bin. Emmanuel's local nonprofit partnerships will pick up the items and distribute them as needed this holiday season.

SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS. Tis the season shop for gifts! Choose generosity this holiday season by supporting a family in need. It's difficult for some parents to provide presents for their children, so email Emmanuel's Outreach Director, Kerry Carmichael (kcarmichael@eclife.org) to sponsor a qualified family for Christmas.

To find out more details about these projects or other ways your group can serve together in our community, email Breanne Schafer at bschafer@eclife.org.

FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK'S ACTION STEPS.

My action step is _____.

This coming week, I will encourage _____ to complete their action step.

Their action step is _____.

My memory verse is _____.

This coming week, I will pray for the group's following prayer requests:

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