

Everything We Need

Warm up: What's the craziest fashion trend you ever rocked?

How often do we make a statement like this, "If only we had more _____, we would be ok"? Or, "If that didn't happen, things would have worked out." It is often our first instinct to look at what we don't have and overlook what we do have. A great way to focus on what we have instead of what we don't have is to make a list of things we are thankful to God for. This is a great way to worship God as well. If God has provided abundance or just enough, He wants us to multiply what we have for His Kingdom purposes.

Gather Relate Adore Care Engage

Adore: Worshiping together

Let's practice GRACE together in our groups this week by spending some time to Adore God. Go around the room and thank God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit for who they are and the abundant ways they have provided everything we/you need. Consider the unique way God has worked in your life and say it out loud as a way of praising Him for it. *Leaders:* Please encourage each person to share in a short sentence one thing they are thankful for. Have people share as they are comfortable or go around the room. It might be in the form of prayer or conversation, either way; it is an act of worship toward God.

- 1.) Read 2 Kings 4:1-7. How does this passage tell the gospel story? Who does each character represent? What does the oil represent? What other observations do you have?
- 2.) Read Matthew 25:14-17. What do the two servants in this parable have in common with the widow in 2 Kings 4:1-7? What do we learn about God? What do we learn about faith?
- 3.) The story in 2 Kings happened about 3,000 years ago. We may view it as fiction, however, we need to remember that this actually happened. There are many illustrations of faith in these two passages: asking, obedience, multiplying, reaping and sowing, pouring into others, God's provision, material blessings, salvation, Jesus' blood poured out, the Holy Spirit poured in, miracles, and others. How have you seen God work a miracle in your life? What area or situation in life do you need to trust God for now? Do you believe that God has given us everything we need to live a life of godliness? 2 Peter 1:3
- 4.) How will you seek to multiply your life for the kingdom? What will you have to sacrifice, what is the risk, and what is the potential reward? Make a commitment statement to the group so they can encourage you along the way.