

PTM LIFE GROUP LESSON WEEK 4
HOW GOD MEETS OUR NEEDS EVEN
WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH

Memory Verse: “*And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*” (Philippians 4:19 NKJV)

Big Idea: God wants to use this time to teach us how to live looking to Him as our Source instead of just ourselves.

The keys to letting God supply our needs are:

- Make God your source
- Seek first His kingdom- Put His interests before yours- Give Him the first fruits of your time, treasure, and talent.
- Where you have a need sow a seed.

1. Icebreaker:

What did it feel like the first time (in this Corona crisis) you experienced not being able to get or have something that you always took for granted? In what ways might God have used that to help you look more to God as your source?

2. Which of the following statements in the sermon could you especially relate to:

- a. God doesn't just want to provide for you but help you realize the power of claiming Him as your *Jehovah Jireh*.
- b. God's provision isn't so much about raising funds as raising sons and daughters. God is willing to let us be uncomfortable to develop our character and trust.
- c. Going through lack is about getting us out of the box and thinking the way the little boy did; it's about living out of God's pocket instead of ours.
- d. We learn through lean seasons that the main point about provision is not riches but relationship-coming to know and trust God more as our good, good Father.
- e. When God provides, He doesn't just supply; He multiplies.

3. We talked about how the freedom to receive all God has for us comes from the choice to make a complete “open handed” surrender. How have you seen God provide abundantly as you were willing to let go of something you were clinging to?

4. We learned that when God is our Source and in control, we sense peace; when we are in control, we feel stress and anxiety. Where is an area where you have needed to let God be your Source?

5. Have you experienced God coming through, after you put Him first with your tithe, service, or priorities?
6. What is an area that God wants you to sow what you need instead of what you feel? Where do you especially feel you need to sow at this time:
 - a. Sow more time focusing on God instead of problems, so that I have a greater awareness of God than an awareness of negative things.
 - b. Sow more seeds of kindness and caring in my family so there's less tension.
 - c. Sow more forgiveness and forbearance so that resentment can't take root.
 - d. Sow more generosity so I can get more provision.
 - e. Sow more repentance so I can see more revival.
 - f. Sow more prayer so I can see more interventions from God.
 - g. Sow more praise and laughter so I can have more joy.
 - h. Other