

PTM LIFE GROUP LESSON 1
HAVING A PLENTY TOO MUCH PERSPECTIVE: GRASPING THE GREATNESS
AND GOODNESS OF OUR PLENTY TOO MUCH GOD

MEMORY VERSE: *“Now all glory to God, who is able, through the mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think!” (Ephesians 3:20 NLT)*

Ice Breaker: Introduce yourself and one thing you feel you’ve had plenty too much of lately?

1. What is the main thing you’ve felt going through this coronavirus crisis? Where have you come up against of lack or fear? (patience, strength, adequacy, hope, self-control...)

Overall, would you classify what you’ve felt lately as:
never enough, barely enough, sort of enough, or more than enough (plenty too much)

2. Can you testify to a way or ways you have experienced God being in a superlative over the top, plenty too much good and faithful God in your life?

3. The key point of this lesson is the contrast of two perspectives of the same situation (feeding of the 5000).

1. The disciples and the crowd put the problem at the center of the equation and walked in fear and lack.
2. Jesus and the little boy put what God could do at the center of the problem and saw a miracle.

The big idea is that the bigger we let God be in our hearts and in the middle of our life, the more we will experience the abundance of God in our lives.

From a negative point of view, how have you or how have you seen others put God in a box by small beliefs and natural or false assumptions that limited what God could do? What is an example of an area, right now, where you might be tempted to let a problem be bigger than God? (finances, family, hope, efforts to help people you care about...)

4. One of the main goals of this study is to help us assess, recognize, and replace false beliefs about God and other things with God’s perspective and beliefs about those things. We know the more our beliefs align with God’s beliefs, the more we will see God’s abundance in our life.

Go through the list of beliefs on the other side of this sheet and with God’s help identify one false belief you believe God might want to help you work on replacing and one good belief you believe God would especially want to strengthen.

5. What are some things you’ve done that have most helped you let God be bigger in your heart and move in your life? What helps you be a sponge for God to fill and not a rock that is stuck in a small view of God? (praise, audacious prayers, digesting the Word, testimony, serving others, encouraging and being encouraged by others, making declarations...)

6. Where would you most like to claim and receive the truth of Jesus as your “Bread of Life”, the SOURCE OF YOUR LIFE!

- a. A place you lack physical provision (finances, health, rest, mental rest)
- b. A place of spiritual strength (patience, joy, love, peace, self-control...)
- c. The ability to walk in serenity knowing that He is in control
- d. As the Source of my self-worth, my ability to value myself, and be comfortable in my own skin because of a greater awareness of my worth being in God’s unconditional love for me

- e. As the Source of power, boldness, and faith to release Heaven's abundance into places of earth's greatest need.

Put number 1-5 to indicate your level of response to the statements below.

1. Never agree (This is a non-issue)
2. Seldom agree (An occasional thing)
3. Regularly agree (You go back and forth kind of 50/50)
4. Often agree (This is now a developing habit of thinking)
5. Always agree (This is an established mindset)

Negative Statements: The higher the score on the negative statements, the more God wants to help you know His unconditional love. The lower the score, the deeper your roots can grow in His love.

Positive Statements: The lower the score on the positive statements, the more God wants to help you know His unconditional love. The higher the score, the deeper your roots can grow in His love.

BELIEFS ABOUT GOD

- _____ 1a. I feel God is often in a bad mood when I approach Him.
_____ 1b. I intentionally believe and declare that God's goodness is running after me all of the days of my life.
- _____ 2a. I think fear of punishment is a main way God likes to motivate people to be good.
_____ 2b. I know when I'm aware of His love getting bigger in me, my fears are shrinking.
- _____ 3a. I think my circumstances are God's way of punishing me for bad behavior.
_____ 3b. God's presence surrounds me like the ocean. I'm like a sponge and can absorb His peace, love, and joy right now.
_____ 3c. I am convinced that God is completely good and that everything He wants for me and how He directs things on my behalf is perfectly and fabulously good.
- _____ 4a. God is continuously deciding how He will treat me according to my performance. If I do bad, He pulls back; if I do good, He gives me points and helps me more.
_____ 4b. I know God loves me to such a degree that I could never doubt my salvation.
_____ 4c. God loves me as He loves Jesus. He absolutely delights in me.
- _____ 5a. I feel I have to solve my problems, so I try to fight my own battles.
_____ 5b. Because God's power is infinite, every finite problem is equal for Him to handle.
_____ 5c. God causes the worst attack of the enemy to be turned around and used to my advantage, as I'm trusting in Him.
- _____ 6a. When people reject me, my identity is shatter and I feel devastated.
_____ 6b. God is the permanent inward Fountain of my love, joy, peace, righteousness, and delight, making sure my cup is always running over.
- _____ 7a. God isn't concerned about every detail of my life, so I worry about details.
_____ 7b. God has written every day of my life in His book. He has planned where I step; as I stay with Him, I am swept along to His perfect destiny.
_____ 7c. God is not just a contributor to my life; He is the very Source of my life.
_____ 7d. I am continuously accessing who He is for me in every situation. He is not only all wise, Christ is my wisdom, sanctification, and righteousness.