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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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“More Than Enough”

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What Is This?

This brief guide is intended for use individually, or in small groups. It's your chance to dive deeper into the issues raised in the weekend sermon and to connect a Biblical story with your daily life.

Revisit the Text

2 Kings 4:42-44; <https://bit.ly/2LM56Qx>

John 6:1-21; <https://bit.ly/2M3VvkF>

Big Ideas Raised

- In both texts, the people present see the food they have as being insufficient, but the prophet and Jesus see something else. Where we might see impossibility and scarcity, they both saw possibility and abundance, and in both cases the resources at hand proved more than enough when placed in the hands of God.
- In our own time of anxiety and perceived scarcity, this text calls us to faith, trust, and hope in the God of abundance. It calls us to think in terms of possibility and seeing what resources we have in our possession that we can faithfully give to God's care for God's purposes, knowing that what seems impossible for us becomes possible through the workings of the Spirit. What we have in our collective possession is truly more than enough to make God's presence and goodness known and experienced in the world.
- Reading the John text along with the Kings text reveals an intention to show Jesus as a continuation of God's presence and activity in the community. The John text even contains details intended to connect Jesus all the way back to Moses. Just as Jesus was the continuation of God's activity and presence in the community, we, as the Body of Christ, are part of the same line revealing that God is yet at work in the world.

Questions Meant to Dig Deeper

- Over the last two weeks you've heard two different versions of the feeding of the 5000: Mark's version and John's version. What similarities and differences do you notice? Why may the accounts differ?
- Have you ever had an experience of the abundance of God in an unexpected place?
- Are there people you've known that committed all they had to making God's goodness, abundance, and love known and experienced? People that clearly reveal God is yet at work in the world?
- What are the ways that you use your own gifts to make God's goodness, abundance, and love known and experienced? What ways might you commit to doing so in the future?

Revisit the Sermon

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