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Discipleship Phrase: His kingdom over mine. Big Idea for Series: On earth as it is in Heaven.

Abiding (grow as a disciple yourself)

As a believer, to be content means that you should put your trust and confidence in God, knowing that He is the giver of all good things (James 1:17). You should also recognize that He uses even the hard times to show that you are trusting Him. Are you consciously looking for and appreciating what God is doing in your life in every circumstance? Contentment demonstrates that we are in the hands of God and that we praise Him for it. In your time this week identify the areas in your life that are out of balance when it comes to putting your trust and confidence in God. Pray for God's Spirit to work on your heart in these areas.

Leading (facilitate your group effectively)

For group this week we're diving into the topic of contentment, a concept that goes against what society teaches us. As westerners, our individualistic culture praises the pursuit of more, yet God is a God of just enough, even still in His overwhelming abundance. Question 2 and 3 is going to be where the heart of the discussion is found. Question 2 asks us to consider where we're intentionally seeking out more (in negative ways) that could potentially be harmful for us. Question 3 is an opportunity to share some testimonies where God's has always been faithful and has provided without fail. Be genuinely curious as everyone in your group responds and ask great follow up questions this week.

Shepherding (know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep)

This week we're focusing on the scriptural truth that God is a God of "just enough." We will be talking through and finding examples of where in our lives we have trusted Him in this and areas we have not. As you have conversations with your members, maintaining focus on dependency in (and on) God is what His call is to those of us who follow. We cannot begin to be dependent if we are not listening well for His promptings. If we are not making margin to hear His whispers, we cannot become dependent. It's a process, one that is intentional on our part. Pray this week with and for your group, that He would convict you of how you can better trust in His provision which will allow a deeper level of dependence. Encourage additional awareness amongst your people to call out the multitude of ways He has already provided and give thanks.

<u>Church Announcements</u> (be in the know & share with your group)

The Sacred Slow Conference is happening October 8-9th. Whether you are exhausted by emptiness or worn thin from weariness, you will discover healing, restoration, and the unhurried God-life waiting for you at this 2-day conference. Childcare is not available. Click here to register!

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader



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Welcome/Introductions (creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone)

Open in Prayer (kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (choose one that is best for your group this week)

Weekly Vision Checklist (See Flipbook re: announcements, the "why", goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching)

Ask a Hook Question (a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction) How many dependents do you have? Do you provide more than they need or just enough?

Recap the Message (ask a *couple* people to share what stood out to them in this week's message)

Scriptures References (*Read scriptures directly from the Bible*—it carries its own authority) **Matthew** 6:9-13 (ESV), **Deuteronomy** 8:1-6 (ESV), **Matthew** 4:1-4 (ESV)

Implications (takeaways from the message)

- 1. God wants his people to have ears to hear.
- 2. "Our daily bread" teaches us that God is the provider of just enough.
- 3. Learning to connect with God daily allows us to trust him more.
- 4. When we orient our lives toward trusting God, we see him for who he really is. And others see him through us as well.

Discussion Questions (going beyond the surface)

- 1. In Exodus 16:4, the LORD says to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day." Why do think that God only wanted them to gather enough for that day alone?
- 2. If God always provides just enough, how might you be consumed with living for more (be specific)?
- 3. Where has God proven himself to be trustworthy in providing just enough for you?
- 4. What can you do to move into a place of fully trusting in God 's version of enough over our own?

Prayer Requests (record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.)

Closing Prayer (ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly)

