



Sermon Discussion Guide for I AM Worship Church

Broadening Our Tents In 2026

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We hope this material will continue to minister as the sermon was preached during our weekly worship service. When we receive God's Word at church, we need not only to hear the message, but we ought to walk it out in our daily lives. We should "be doers of the word, not only hearers." (James 1:22)

Step 1: GET TOGETHER with your family or group.

Step 2: REVIEW the key points and scriptures from the message.

Step 3: SHARE with your group what God is saying to you through the message.

Step 4: PRAY together, for each other and over each other to continue to walk this word out.

The Big Idea

As we close out one year and step into another, God's calling us to **broaden our tents**—not because what He has done is insufficient, but because where He is taking us requires greater capacity.

Broadening is God's idea, rooted in His faithfulness and fueled by His promises, and it always begins with preparation before increase.

Don't Miss This Point!

Read Isaiah 54:2-3. Broadening requires faith before fulfillment. God spoke enlargement to Israel while they were still waiting, barren, and rebuilding, reminding us that He always asks us to make room before He pours out increase. God prepares people before promotion—ditches before rain, deeper waters before miracle catch, consecration before crossing the Jordan. Faith is not responding to what we see; it is preparing for what God has promised, even when it hasn't happened yet.

Another Great Point!

Read Matthew 9:17. New wine demands new wineskins. Jesus is showing that growth requires renewed thinking, systems, structure, leadership, and responsibility. God is not discarding the old but strengthening and reshaping it so it can hold what He is doing next. Broadening at IAMWC looks like intentional discipleship pathways, clear leadership structures, and a shift from survival thinking to stewardship thinking so that increase can be sustained without confusion or division.

One Last Point!

Broadening always comes with change—and change is a sign of growth, not failure. Discomfort often signals that something healthy is expanding beyond its current container. Just as children outgrow clothes and families outgrow homes, a growing church and a growing life must adjust to new rhythms and responsibilities. Resisting change can unintentionally resist growth.

Let's Be Doers!

Prayerfully ask God what "broadening" looks like in your life—your faith, your family, your leadership, and your commitment to the church. Choose one intentional step: deepen roots through prayer and discipleship, and lengthen your cords by serving, leading, or saying yes to a new responsibility. Broadening happens when we move together, not alone.