

# GENEROSITY & JESUS

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message: What If There Is Not Enough? // Scripture: Exodus 16, Mark 6:30-44 // Series: Generosity & Jesus

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## CHECK IN ON ONE ANOTHER

Share about your week and pray for one another's personal prayer needs.

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**First, let's recap Sunday's message and then read Exodus 16 and Mark 6:30-44 together.**

**Q1: When you read these Scriptures from different sections of the Bible, what stands out at a first glance? What are similarities and what are differences?**

**Q2: Both passages of Scripture talk about a "scarcity mindset." What do you think that means, a "scarcity mindset"?**

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## FINANCES AND GOD

No amount of money in the world can give you peace of mind and peace with God. If you ask the question "what if there is not enough?", you can kill your peace with God, your walk with God, and the joy of abiding in Jesus.

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Someone with a scarcity mindset always wonders whether there will be enough. Instead of placing trust in God's plan and promises, a scarcity mindset forces us to focus on potential scenarios that could go wrong.

**Q3: Read Mark 4:1-20, Psalm 104, and Genesis 47:13-19. What do these passages of Scripture reveal about how humans have related to God? Do you see any similarities between these passages of Scripture?**

In Exodus, God says that all the people need to do is listen to him and trust that he will care for their needs. In Exodus 16, God kept his promise to his people, but some could not move past the myth of scarcity and focus on the truth or God's provision and abundance.

**Q4: How can we begin to set our minds to trust in God's provision and abundance instead of the myth of scarcity?**

If you follow Jesus, you can trust in these promises. Living with Jesus as our example allows us to trust in God and even go steps further in giving sacrificially.

In Mark 6, when the disciples told Jesus that they did not have enough, Jesus simply asked them: how much do you have. When you don't think that you can make a difference because you don't have enough of whatever it is you lack, Jesus will still ask you what you have.

**Q5: What do you have that Jesus is asking you to use?**

**Q6: How can giving to Jesus be an opportunity to share and bless others as well?**

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"Your scarcity mentality may cause you to fear what will happen if God takes and breaks, but be reminded that God also blesses and gives more for the good and fulfillment of yourself and others beyond what you can imagine."

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## CALL TO ACTION:

- 1) Pray for your non-Christian friends to come to faith in Jesus.
- 2) Pray for your unchurched/de-churched friends to join a local church.
- 3) Pray for God to remove a scarcity mindset from your life and allow you to trust in his goodness and abundance. Ask God what he may be asking you to give to him.