



Faith Community Church
Less is More

Faith Group Questions & Discussion Guide



Opening Prayer: Ask God to open hearts and minds to His truth and give the group courage to honestly examine their relationships with possessions and generosity.

Icebreaker: If your house was burning down and you could only grab one thing to take out of it (not counting people or pets), what would you take?

Key Takeaways:

1. It's better to have less of what doesn't matter so you can have more of what does.
2. Throw it out (quit clinging due to fear and anchors to your past)
3. Buy less (break the cycle)
4. Give more (storing up eternal treasure)

Discussion Questions:

1. How did you practice boldness last week? Tell us about it!
2. Satan convinced Adam and Eve that the 0.1% they didn't have was more important than the 99.9% God had given them. Where do you see this "not enough - just a little more" mentality showing up in your own life? (Heb 13:5)
3. The sermon identified two reasons we hold onto things: fear and anchors. Which one pokes you more, and why? (1 Samuel 15:17-24)
4. Pastor Jake shared about keeping his wife's teaching supplies as a "backup plan in case God's plan didn't work out." What are you holding onto that might reveal a lack of trust in God's provision? (Philippians 4:15-19)
5. Read Philippians 3:7-14. Paul counted everything as loss compared to knowing Christ. What would it look like practically for you to have this same attitude?
6. Read Ecclesiastes 5:10 and Psalm 119:36-37. What's the difference between having money and loving money? How can we tell which category we're in?
7. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What does it mean to "take hold of that which is truly life"? Can you share a memory of giving that brought you true life and lasting joy?

8. The sermon highlighted three biblical examples of radical giving:

- The widow's two coins (Mark 12)
- Mary's expensive perfume (John 12)
- The boy's loaves and fish (John 6)

What do these three stories have in common? What made their gifts so powerful?

9. Read Matthew 6:21. The pastor said. "The fastest way to get your heart in the right place is to put your treasure in the right place." Do you agree? Why or why not?

Practical Applications:

This Week:

☐ Throw Out Challenge: Choose one area (closet, garage, dresser, storage unit) and clear it out this week. Donate or give away what you don't need.

☐ Buy Less Challenge: Implement a 48-hour waiting period before any non-essential purchase over \$50.

☐ Give More Challenge: Identify one specific way you can be generous this week (financially, with time, with a skill, with encouragement).

This Month:

☐ Evaluate any storage units you're paying for. Do you really need what's in them?

☐ Review your monthly subscriptions and recurring purchases. Cancel what doesn't align with your values.

☐ Pray about increasing your giving to your local church or a ministry you believe in.

This Year (2026):

☐ Create a "blessing budget" - money set aside just for spontaneous generosity.

☐ Start a gratitude journal documenting God's faithfulness and provision (and use it).

☐ Before buying something new, ask: "Will this help me have more of what matters, or just more stuff?"

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, we come with open hands. Forgive us for filling our hands with things that cannot satisfy. Give us courage to let go of what doesn't matter, wisdom to live with less, and joyful hearts eager to give more. May we walk into 2026 not gripping tightly, but trusting fully. In Jesus' name, Amen.