

11.01.2020 LUNCHBOX FAITH Discussion Guide

BIG IDEA

We live in a culture that uses productivity as a measure of worth and value, which can cause us to believe that "little" means "less." Fortunately, God does not judge us according to our production, but instead, He meets us where we are, based on our level of faith. Pastor Daniel uses the bible story of a little boy with a lunchbox to remind us that God looks at our availability rather than our ability. When we are willing to be stretched in our faith, our "little" results in an abundance of blessings, not just for ourselves but for the Kingdom of God.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- John 6:5-11
- Matthew 6:21
- 2 Corinthians 9:10

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- Attention and affection work together because those things that grab our attention will also fill the space of our affection. What are the things occupying those spaces in your life?
- Where there is no need, there's no space for God. What are the gaps between you are and where God wants you to be?
- In the Kingdom of God, little doesn't mean less. In what areas do you sometimes feel like you're not enough?
- A Kingdom mindset involves community and working with others. How does the lie of believing our Godgiven abilities are limited conflict with Kingdom thinking?

APPLICATION IDEAS

• Faith-building is a lifelong process. Think about the things that have consumed your attention as this challenging year draws to a close. If they don't align with God's word, begin to separate those things from the things that deserve your affection. Ask yourself, who am I serving?

PRAYER FOCUS

 Pray that God guides you deeper into an availability mindset, rather than living a life based on your own ability.

LEADER TIPS

• "Kingdom Builder Sunday" is on December 13. Begin praying and preparing for what God is directing you to give. Build your faith by stretching beyond your ability to give and honor God by being available to give. This says to God... Here I am. I am available.

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