



Instead of concern for what we had or don't have now, the Lord calls us to consider what we have now and then give ourselves to His work. We want to change the perspective from one of scarcity to one of abundance. God is able to do far more than we can ask or imagine.

Opening Question:

How do you respond to scarcity? Can you think of a specific time you experienced scarcity and how you handled it?

Read: Exodus 4:1-17

What stood out to you from the passage or sermon this past weekend?

Understanding the Story:

God gave Moses three ways to show Israel that He was with them (v. 4:2, 6, 9). What are they? Over what areas might these show God's authority? (Hint: Throughout much of Egypt's history the Pharaoh wore a cobra made of metal on the front of his headdress as a symbol of his sovereignty).

In an effort to get out of what God is asking him to do, Moses cites five points of reluctance (v.3:11, 3:13, 4:1, 4:10, 4:13). Discuss what each of these is and how they might relate to our culture today. Can you relate to any of these excuses?

Living the Story:

If we are not careful, the "what if" questions of life can paralyze us and cause us to live in fear. What are some of the "what if" questions you often ask yourself?

Look up the following verses: Genesis 28:15; Joshua 1:5; Jeremiah 1:8; Haggai 11:13; and Matthew 28:20. What is the consistent message? Even though we usually believe this message, sometimes it is hard to remember in the course of our days. What are some things that we might do to help us remember throughout our waking hours?

Read John 14:12-14. This is an incredible promise! Discuss its meaning. How might we become participants, not merely spectators, with God's activity in history?

Pray:

Spend some time as a group thanking God for the abundance you have experienced in your lives. Ask Him to prompt you when you wander into fear of scarcity to remind you of his provision and faithfulness.