Session 5: Living in Abundance

GOALS

Main Idea: Relying on God as the ultimate source, rather than on yourself or your own resources, is essential for experiencing His kingdom blessings, favor, and purpose.

Head Change: To shift your mindset from self-reliance to fully acknowledging God as the ultimate source of all provision, authority, and purpose in your life.

Heart Change: To encourage having a heart filled with humility, gratitude, and trust in God as the ultimate provider.

Life Change: To become centered on serving in God's kingdom, living in obedience, demonstrating generosity, and depending on God as your ultimate source.

OPEN

Choose one of the following questions to begin your discussion:

Imagine that you were house-sitting for someone who had an amazing home. How would you remind yourself that the home is not actually yours?

What is one thing (or area in your life) that you've treated as if it belongs to you when, in truth, it actually belongs to God?

WATCH

Watch session 5: “Living in Abundance” (18 minutes).

I. Believers in Christ are merely stewards of God’s resources.
II. Recognizing God’s rule unlocks His kingdom blessings and provision.
III. Avoiding pride and entitlement comes through remembering that everything comes from God and belongs to Him.
IV. Obedience to God’s rule brings divine favor, comfort, and satisfaction.
V. Believers are called to serve others and glorify God by using His resources for His purposes.

DISCUSS

Discuss what you just watched by answering the following questions.

1. How does the illustration of being a *passenger* versus being the *conductor* reveal the two ways that believers approach God when it comes to who is in control of their lives?
2. Read Psalm 24:1. How should understanding that *everything* belongs to God change the way you view your resources in this world?
3. Reflect on Deuteronomy 8:10–18. What warnings and reminders does God give about forgetting Him as the source of all blessings? How does this apply to your life?
4. Read Matthew 5:3–12. How do the Beatitudes reveal the blessings of living under God's kingdom rule? Which one resonates the most with your right now?
5. How should viewing yourself as a steward, rather than an owner, impact your attitude when it comes to extending generosity and serving others?

REFLECT

Complete the following activities before watching the next session.

Read: Read 1 Chronicles 29:10–14. How do David's words illustrate the proper perspective you should take when it comes to recognizing God as the ultimate source?

Write: Write out one way you are relying on yourself rather God as your ultimate source.

Pray: Ask the Lord to help you release anything that you are clinging to too tightly. Pray that He would help you recognize that He is Lord of all when you are tempted to take ownership.