

Five Keys to Divine Increase Devotional

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Series Study Guide

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A 5-Session Small Group Study Guide

Based on the sermon series by Pastor Mirek Hufton

SERIES OVERVIEW

CENTRAL THEME AND WHAT PARTICIPANTS WILL GAIN

This series explores five biblical keys that unlock God's supernatural increase in every area of life -- spiritually, financially, relationally, and beyond. Rooted in the conviction that God's design has always been abundance and not scarcity, each session builds on the last to form a complete picture of what it looks like to live as a person who is growing, fruitful, and fully aligned with God's purposes.

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of what divine increase actually means, why it starts with the heart, and how practical choices -- loving God, loving His Word, seeking His kingdom, obeying His commands, and pursuing purity -- open the door to the life God has always intended for His people.

WHO THIS SERIES IS FOR

This series is for anyone who senses there is more -- more of God, more fruitfulness, more purpose -- than what they are currently experiencing. Whether you are new to faith or have walked with God for decades, whether you are in a season of abundance or pressing through a dry stretch, these five sessions will challenge and encourage you. No prior theological knowledge is required. Just an open heart and a willingness to be honest in community.

SESSION 1: LOVE GOD -- THE FOUNDATION OF EVERYTHING

(Based on the January 19, 2020 message)

OPENING REFLECTION QUESTION

Think about someone in your life -- a parent, mentor, or close friend -- whom you would do almost anything for simply because of how much you love them. What is it about that relationship that makes you want to give your best to them?

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Psalm 115:13-14
- Matthew 22:37-38

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Hufton opened the series by declaring that loving God is the first key -- the foundation everything else depends on. Why do you think love for God comes before all the other keys? What happens to the other keys if this one is missing?
2. Matthew 22:37-38 calls us to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. What does it look like practically to love God with each of those four parts of who we are? Which one do you find easiest, and which do you find hardest?
3. Pastor Hufton challenged the congregation to measure their love for God not by words but by actions -- specifically their giving, worship, and time in prayer. How does that standard feel to you? Is it convicting, encouraging, or both?
4. In his childhood story about the sealed tin box found in a mission house wall -- containing exactly what was needed to clear a debt -- Pastor Hufton illustrated that God can provide for needs before we even know they exist. What does that kind of story stir in you? Has God ever provided for you in a way that felt like it was prepared long in advance?
5. The series title is about divine increase. How does loving God with everything we have connect to experiencing increase? Can you have real, lasting increase without this foundation?
6. If someone looked at your weekly schedule and financial habits without knowing you, what conclusion might they draw about who or what you love most? How does that reflection sit with you?
7. What is one area of your life where you sense God is asking you to love Him more actively and less casually?

PERSONAL APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, choose one concrete way to express love for God that goes beyond what you normally do. It might be an extra hour in prayer, an act of generosity, or simply sitting in worship without an agenda. Write down what you chose and how it felt at the end of the week.

CLOSING PRAYER PROMPT

Invite someone to pray, asking God to reveal any areas where love for Him has grown routine or secondhand. Ask for a fresh, genuine, first-commandment kind of love -- and for faith to believe that when we get this right, increase follows.

SESSION 2: LOVE GOD'S WORD -- THE POWER IN YOUR HANDS

(Based on the January 26, 2020 message)

OPENING REFLECTION QUESTION

Is there a book, letter, or piece of writing that has significantly shaped who you are? What made it so powerful to you?

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Psalm 119:97
- 2 Timothy 3:16
- John 1:1, 1:4
- Isaiah 41:10
- Exodus 14:14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Hufton quoted Psalm 119:97 -- "O how I love your law!" -- and challenged the group to move beyond religious duty into genuine love for Scripture. What is the difference between reading the Bible out of obligation and reading it out of love? Which one describes your current relationship with God's Word?
2. 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us all Scripture is God-breathed. If we truly believed every word in the Bible carried the very breath of God, how would that change the way we approach it each day?

3. John 1:1 and 1:4 describe Jesus as the Word who was with God in the beginning, and in whom there is life. What does it mean to you that the Bible is not just a historical document but is connected to the living person of Jesus?

4. During a seven-year federal investigation, Pastor Hufton anchored himself daily to specific scriptures like Isaiah 41:10 and Exodus 14:14. Have you ever had a season where a particular scripture became a lifeline for you? What was it and what did it do for you?

5. Pastor Hufton described Mary's choice to sit at Jesus' feet as a model for how we should prioritize the Word. What are the biggest distractions in your life that pull you away from time in Scripture? What would it take to address one of them?

6. He taught that your spirit grows only through feeding on God's Word -- nothing else substitutes. In what ways have you tried to grow spiritually through other means? What has been missing when the Word is not central?

7. What is one specific, practical change you could make to your daily routine that would help you spend more meaningful time in Scripture?

PERSONAL APPLICATION CHALLENGE

Choose one scripture from this session and commit to meditating on it every day this week. Write it somewhere visible -- a mirror, a phone screen, a notecard by your coffee maker. At your next group meeting, share what happened when you spent time with that verse.

CLOSING PRAYER PROMPT

Ask someone to close in prayer, thanking God for the gift of His Word and asking the Holy Spirit to make Scripture come alive in a new way for each person in the group. Pray specifically for anyone who has been struggling to connect with the Bible consistently.

SESSION 3: INCREASE GOD'S KINGDOM -- STEWARDSHIP CHANGES EVERYTHING

(Based on the February 2, 2020 message)

OPENING REFLECTION QUESTION

Have you ever been trusted with something valuable that belonged to someone else -- a home, a business, a responsibility? How did knowing it wasn't ultimately yours affect the way you handled it?

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Genesis 1:28
- Genesis 12:1-3
- Matthew 6:33
- Malachi 3:10
- Luke 19:12-26
- 2 Corinthians 8:9
- Galatians 3:13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Hufton opened with the statement that God's consistent pattern from Adam through Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has always been increase -- never poverty. Does that match the picture of God you grew up with? How does it challenge or confirm what you believe about God and money?
2. Jesus' Parable of the Minas in Luke 19:12-26 shows a master who expects a return on what he entrusts to his servants. What does this parable teach us about how God views the resources He has placed in our hands?
3. Matthew 6:33 says to seek first the kingdom and everything else will follow. What does seeking the kingdom first actually look like in financial decisions? Can you give an example from your own life or someone you know?
4. Pastor Hufton described the tithe in Malachi 3:10 as God's covenant test -- a way of checking who we trust most with our resources. How do you personally think about tithing -- as a test, a tax, a gift, or something else? How has your understanding of it changed over time?
5. The story of Pastor Randy White -- who needed \$450,000 in 30 days and told the banker "My Father has it" -- is a remarkable example of kingdom-first confidence. What would it take for you to trust God at that level with a financial need?
6. Pastor Hufton challenged the congregation to reject a poverty mindset. What is the difference between a poverty mindset and wise, humble stewardship? How do you guard against both extremes?
7. The session ended with a call to pursue increase so that others can be blessed. How does this kingdom-first framing change the motivation for wanting more? What does it mean to you that your increase

is not just for yourself?

PERSONAL APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, review your giving -- whether to your church, a ministry, or those in need -- and prayerfully ask God if there is a step of faith He is inviting you to take. Write down what you sense Him saying and bring it back to the group next week.

CLOSING PRAYER PROMPT

Close with a prayer of surrender, asking God to help the group hold resources loosely and trust Him as the ultimate provider. Ask for courage to be generous and vision to see how God might use each person's increase to extend His kingdom to others.

SESSION 4: LOVE OBEYING GOD'S WORD -- FAITH IN ACTION

(Based on the February 9, 2020 message)

OPENING REFLECTION QUESTION

Think of a time when you did something difficult simply because someone you trusted and loved asked you to. What made you willing to do it even if it was hard?

KEY SCRIPTURES

- 1 John 4:10
- 1 John 5:3
- 2 Timothy 3:16
- John 15:10, 14
- John 14:31
- Galatians 6:7
- Isaiah 1:19

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Hufton explained that the Greek word for obedience -- *hupakouo* -- means "to listen under," implying willing submission to a higher authority. How does that definition change or deepen your understanding of what biblical obedience actually is?
2. 1 John 5:3 says that God's commands are not burdensome. Does obedience feel like a burden to you, or does it feel like a natural expression of love? What makes the difference?
3. In John 15:10 and 14, Jesus connects staying in His love and being called His friend directly to keeping His commands. What does it tell us about the nature of friendship with God that obedience is part of the definition?
4. Pastor Hufton shared the story of a former corporate boss who rejected Christianity because of hypocrisy he saw in believers -- but who, after eventually surrendering to Christ, immediately began visiting prisons and serving the marginalized. What does that story reveal about the connection between genuine conversion and genuine obedience?
5. Galatians 6:7 reminds us that we reap what we sow. How have you experienced this principle in a positive way -- where obedience led to unexpected blessing? How have you experienced it in the other direction?
6. Isaiah 1:19 says, "If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land." What do you think is the relationship between willingness and obedience -- are they the same thing, or is one needed before the other?
7. Where in your life right now is God asking you to obey something that feels difficult or inconvenient? What is holding you back, and what might help you take that step?

PERSONAL APPLICATION CHALLENGE

Identify one area of your life where you have been aware of what God is asking but have delayed or partially obeyed. This week, take one concrete step of full obedience in that area. Journal what happens -- both internally and externally -- as a result.

CLOSING PRAYER PROMPT

Invite the group to a moment of quiet before praying, asking each person to identify one thing they feel God is calling them to obey. Then close with a corporate prayer asking God for the love-driven courage to obey fully, and for the trust to believe that His commands are always for our good.

SESSION 5: LOVE PURITY -- REMOVING EVERY OBSTACLE TO INCREASE

(Based on the February 16, 2020 message)

OPENING REFLECTION QUESTION

Have you ever had an experience where something small contaminated something that had been completely good -- a meal, a relationship, a project? What did that moment teach you about how contamination works?

KEY SCRIPTURES

- Matthew 5:8
- Romans 6:14
- Hebrews 12:1
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- John 17:17
- 1 Peter 1:2
- 1 John 1:8-9
- James 4:8
- Psalm 24:3
- 1 Timothy 1:5

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Matthew 5:8 promises that the pure in heart will see God. Pastor Hufton argued that impurity does not just damage us -- it actively blocks the supernatural flow of God's increase in our lives. Do you agree with that connection? Why or why not?
2. Pastor Hufton's story about finding half a cockroach in a restaurant breakfast was unforgettable -- his point being that one small impurity ruins what was otherwise good. Where in your spiritual life might there be a "half a cockroach" -- something small that is contaminating more than you realize?
3. Romans 6:14 and Hebrews 12:1 remind us that Christ has already made us righteous, but we must actively walk that out daily. What is the difference between positional purity -- what Christ has already done -- and practical purity -- what we choose each day? Why do both matter?
4. Pastor Hufton outlined four scriptural pathways to purity -- through the Holy Spirit, the Word, the blood of Jesus, and faith. Which of these four feels most real and active in your life right now? Which one do you need to lean into more?

5. 1 John 1:9 promises that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us. How does the practice of regular, honest confession change the way you carry yourself before God and others?
6. James 4:8 says draw near to God and He will draw near to you. What does drawing near to God look like for you personally -- and what specific habits, environments, or relationships help you stay close?
7. As the final key in the series, purity is presented as the gateway to seeing God more clearly and experiencing more of His blessing. Looking back over all five keys, how do they connect? What happens to the others if purity is missing?

PERSONAL APPLICATION CHALLENGE

Pastor Hufton offered six practical steps to maintain a clean heart before God. This week, write down one area where you want to invite the Holy Spirit to bring greater purity -- whether in your thought life, relationships, habits, or speech. Share it with a trusted person from your group who can pray with you and check in with you.

CLOSING PRAYER PROMPT

Close the session and the series with a prayer of both confession and celebration -- confessing anything the Holy Spirit has surfaced during this study, and celebrating that through Christ we have been made holy, blameless, and free. Ask God to seal everything learned in these five sessions into lasting transformation.

SERIES WRAP-UP QUESTIONS

Use these questions in a final gathering, a wrap-up session, or at the close of Session 5 if time allows. They are designed to help the group reflect on the full arc of the series together.

1. Looking at all five keys -- loving God, loving His Word, seeking to increase His kingdom, obeying His Word, and loving purity -- which one had the biggest impact on you personally during this series, and why?
2. Pastor Hufton presented these keys as building blocks, with each one depending on the others. In your own life, which key feels most established, and which one feels like it still needs the most intentional development?
3. The word increase can mean many different things -- financial provision, spiritual depth, relational health,

expanded purpose. How has your understanding of what divine increase actually means changed or grown over the course of this series?

4. One theme that ran through every session was that the condition of the heart determines the capacity for increase. What is one thing you have learned about your own heart through this study that you did not fully see before?

5. As a group, what is one commitment you want to make together going forward -- something you will practice, pursue, or pray about collectively because of what you have studied in these five sessions?

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, we thank You that You are a God of increase -- not scarcity, not limitation, and not reluctant blessing. You told us that Your desire is to give increase more and more, and we have seen across five sessions that the pathway to that increase runs directly through our relationship with You.

We ask You now to make what we have learned in this room more than information. Let it become transformation. Let love for You be the unshakeable foundation of every decision we make. Let Your Word be something we run to rather than walk past. Let our finances and our resources be instruments of Your kingdom rather than monuments to our own security. Let obedience feel less like law and more like love. And let purity be something we pursue not out of fear but out of genuine hunger to see You more clearly.

Where we have been inconsistent, give us grace to begin again.

Where we have been afraid, give us the courage of people who are fully loved.

Where we have been stuck, release us into the increase You have always planned for us.

We trust You with every area of life this series has touched. May our lives -- individually and as a community -- become evidence that when people seek You first, everything else comes into alignment.

In the name of Jesus, amen.