

Five Keys to Divine Increase - Key 3, Increase God's Kingdom

Small Group Discussion Guide

"Five Keys to Divine Increase -- Key 3: Love to Increase God's Kingdom"

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1. SERMON RECAP

In this message, I shared that the third key to divine increase is loving to increase God's kingdom -- and that our entire financial life should be oriented around that one question: How can I further what God is building? We walked through scripture from Genesis to the New Testament to see that increase, multiplication, and abundance have always been on God's heart for his people. We also looked honestly at the tithe as God's invitation to trust him, recognizing that when we honour him with the first 10%, we're declaring that he -- not our own effort -- is the source of our increase.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:13 (NKJV)

"So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.'"

3. ICE BREAKER

Keep it light and fun -- give everyone a chance to share!

> Think about a time you received an unexpected financial blessing -- big or small. What was your first reaction, and what did you do with it?

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1 -- Opening Up the Text

In Luke 19, the nobleman gives his servants money and says, "Do business till I come." What do you think it means practically for us, right now in 2025, to "do business" for the kingdom? What does that look like in an ordinary week?

Question 2 -- Shifting Our Mindset

I talked about how a "vow of poverty" mindset has crept into church culture -- the idea that having less somehow makes you more spiritual. Have you ever felt tension between pursuing financial growth and feeling like a devoted Christian? Where do you think that tension comes from?

Question 3 -- Going Deeper into Scripture

In Genesis 12:1-3, God told Abraham, "I will bless you... and you shall be a blessing." Notice the order -- God blesses first so that blessing can flow outward. How does that change the way we think about pursuing increase for ourselves? Is wanting more always selfish, or can it be an act of faith?

Question 4 -- The Tithe as a Trust Test

Malachi 3:10 frames the tithe as a challenge: "Prove me now herewith." I described the tithe as a 10% "test" -- God's way of seeing whether we truly trust him as our source. Be honest as a group: What makes that test feel easy for some people and genuinely hard for others? What circumstances make it feel nearly impossible?

Question 5 -- Sons and Daughters of Abraham

Galatians 3:7 says that those who have faith are the sons and daughters of Abraham. Since Abraham was described as "very rich" -- a man God specifically set out to bless -- what does it mean for your own identity that you carry that same spiritual inheritance? Does that feel real to you, or does it feel distant?

Question 6 -- Blessing Others as Motivation

I shared that one of the greatest joys of increase is the ability to bless someone else -- to write a check, meet a need, fund a missionary, or lift a family. Has generosity ever been a motivation for you to grow financially, rather than just a result of it? What would change if you started thinking that way more intentionally?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, do one specific, concrete thing to align your finances with a kingdom mindset:

Choose one of the following based on where you are right now --

- If you're not yet tithing: Sit down with your last pay stub, calculate what 10% looks like, and write that number down. Then pray over it and set a date -- even 30 or 60 days out -- when you will begin. Tell someone in your group so they can cheer you on.
- If you're already tithing: Identify one giving opportunity beyond your regular tithe this week -- a missionary, a need in the church, or someone in your life -- and give something, even a small amount, specifically with the prayer: "Lord, let this advance your kingdom."

- For everyone: Write down one answer to this question and put it somewhere visible: "If God increased my income by 20% this year, what kingdom purpose would I use it for?"

6. PRAYER POINTS

Pray together over these specific items before you close:

1. For a renewed mindset -- Ask God to uproot any poverty thinking or fear around money that has taken root in your heart, and replace it with a genuine, faith-filled expectation of his increase.
 2. For kingdom focus -- Pray that every person in your group would grow in their desire to see God's kingdom expand -- through missions, generosity, and the practical use of what God places in their hands.
 3. For courage to trust God with finances -- Pray specifically for anyone in the group who is in a genuinely tight financial season, that God would make a way, protect them from the devourer, and give them the faith to honour him even in the hard moments.
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7. MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Write it on a card. Put it on your bathroom mirror, your car dashboard, or your phone wallpaper. Say it out loud every morning this week.

Thank you for leading your group this week. You are doing kingdom work -- and that matters more than you know.