

Seeking God's Ways (5 of 6)
Small Group Discussion Questions

Join our congregation for worship in-person or online at 10:30 am each Sunday via our [Grantham Church YouTube Channel](#). If you ever miss a message, the sermons are always posted to the [recent sermons page](#) at our website and at the [Grantham Church Podcast](#) the following day, along with the small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for staying connected with us!

Sunday, April 3rd, 2022



Series Focus: Lent is a time to repent—to turn from our ways and recommit ourselves to the ways of God as revealed in Jesus. What do those ways look like? Join us for our Lenten series as we explore the higher ways of God and embrace his will for our lives.

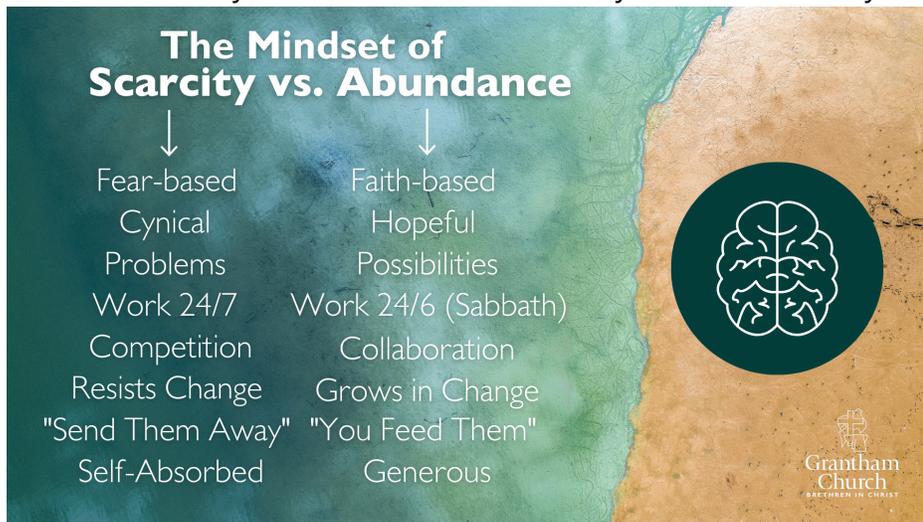
Sermon Title: From Scarcity to Abundance

Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:1-31; Luke 9:1-6, 10-17; 2 Corinthians 8:13-15

Sermon Focus: It was in the wilderness that God addressed the scarcity mindset that Israel had learned as slaves in Egypt. He needed to free them from this bondage if they were going to trust in him and receive his abundant provision. And then it's in the feeding of the five thousand that we see Jesus as the source of God's endless supply of resources, as he calls us to view the world through his eyes. In this fifth message of our Lenten series, Pastor David invites us to believe in God's power to provide.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person or by video call. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. Read Luke 9:1-6, 10-17 together. In the context, the feeding of the 5,000 is an extension on the lessons learned during and following Jesus commissioning his disciples to do ministry as they had seen him do. In this case, Jesus is teaching them to trust God for the power and resources they need in life and ministry; to move from a mindset of scarcity to one of abundance. How is the Spirit speaking to you through this story? What do you find encouraging? What is challenging?
2. The feeding of the 5,000 is a clear allusion to Exodus 16, where the wandering Hebrews are provided with quail and manna in the wilderness. It was in the desert that God was trying to change their scarcity mindset (which they had learned in Egypt) to a mindset of abundance. In what ways do you see American society and culture shaping a scarcity mindset? Give some examples.
3. Go down the list and discuss each of these contrasting points on the chart below. How do you see these at work today? What about in your own life?



4. Pastor David showed a *BibleProject* video toward the end of his sermon. You may want to watch it again: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62CliEkRCso> How is the Spirit speaking to you through this animated message on God's generosity and how the Lord wants us to live into a mindset of abundance?
5. Think about how this applies to our own congregation. How might the Spirit be calling us to move "from scarcity to abundance" in ministry, as we seek to lead others to the God who looks like Jesus? On behalf of our church, will you offer up our five loaves and two fish *in prayer together* for God to bless for his glory?