

# THIS IS HOW WE DO IT

## Small Group Guide – Week of October 26

### *This Is How We Do It: We Are Contributors Not Consumers*

**Date:** Week of October 26, 2025

**Focus Passage(s):** James 1:22; John 6:1-15

**Theme:** God calls us to move from passive consumption to active contribution. When we surrender what we have, He multiplies it to meet needs and make an eternal impact.

### Suggested Schedule (60 minutes total)

Segment	Time	Description
Icebreaker	10 min	Build connection and open up the room
Intro/Recap	5 min	Read the key passages for the week
Group Discussion	25 min	Dive into Scripture and discuss real-life application
Deeper Dive Option	5–10 min	Optional deeper Bible study or individual challenge
Prayer & Requests	10–15 min	Close in prayer for growth + personal needs

### 1. Icebreaker

**Time:** 10 minutes

**Prompt** (choose one):

What's the most surprising thing you've ever received unexpectedly?

When was a time you thought you had "nothing to offer," but things turned out better than you expected?

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### 2. Message Recap + Scripture Introduction

**Time:** 5 minutes

*"We are contributors and not consumers. The world is hungry, and God wants to use what's in our hands."*

**Read aloud:**

James 1:22 and John 6:1-15

**Prompt:**

What stood out to you, either from Sunday's message or from the scripture?

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### 3. Group Discussion

**Time:** 25 minutes

#### *1. Understanding Our Role*

- James 1:22 tells us to be doers of the Word. What does that mean to you personally?
  - Why is it often easier to be a "consumer" in our faith (just receiving) than a "contributor"?
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#### *2. The Miracle of Contribution*

- In John 6, the boy gave his small lunch. How might God be asking you to give something that seems small?
  - What keeps us from offering what we have, even when it doesn't seem like enough?
  - Have you ever seen God take something small you offered and do something big with it?
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#### *3. Consumer vs. Contributor Mindset*

- Which of these resonates most with you and why?
    - Consumers take / Contributors give
    - Consumers expect / Contributors serve
    - Consumers leave / Contributors lead
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#### *4. Personal Reflection*

- What is something in your "hands" that you can use for God's purpose right now (time, talent, influence, resources)?
  - What helps shift your heart from "I have to" contribute to "I get to"?
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### 4. Deeper Dive (Optional Study or Personal Challenge)

**Scripture Studies** (take time to read and reflect upon these stories and how to apply them in your life):

- 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 – The Macedonians gave beyond their ability.
- Mark 12:41-44 – The widow's offering.
- Acts 2:42-47 – Early believers sharing everything.

**Character Study Possibilities** (read either/both of these, and think about what character traits we can apply from their stories):

- The widow who gave two small coins (Mark 12)
- Barnabas, known for his encouragement and generosity (Acts 4:36-37)

**Suggested Quote for Reflection:**

*"Even when what we have seems small or insufficient, God can take what's in our hands and use it to meet the needs of the world... It's not about the size of our offering but the power of God to multiply it for His purposes."*

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**Next Steps Challenge (5 min)**

- What's one specific area God might be calling you to contribute in this season?
- How can your group support you in that?

## **5. Prayer Time (10 min)**

**Time:** 10-15 minutes

Thank God for the gifts and resources He's already placed in our hands.

Ask God to help us see where we can contribute and trust Him to multiply it.

**Open Prayer Requests:**

Invite members to share any personal needs or situations they'd like prayer for—spiritual, emotional, or practical.