

**Discussion Questions Set #1**

“You are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you”. (John 6:27)

“My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus”. (Philippians 4:19)

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

The curse of the more is an attitude rampant in our world by which we feel immense pressure to pursue “more”. This can be manifest in humorous little examples like Netflix binges, but can also form the foundation for a way of life in the world – the constant pursuit of more.

1. Why do you think that this “curse of the more” seems to be so prevalent in our world? In what ways have you seen or experienced this mindset at work?
2. In what ways might the “curse of the more” affect us spiritually? What shape might such an understanding give to our faith?
3. Discuss what a life oriented around Philippians 4:19 might look like.
4. How might understanding thankfulness as God’s will for us in all circumstances help us to overcome “the curse of the more”?

**Discussion Questions Set #2**

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things - the things really needed for life - will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?” (Mark 8:36)

In sermon we discussed how Jesus’ intention with the crowds seems to be to see people move from the crowd and into intimate community with Him and His people. Crowds are almost always about the “more”, while community is truly about the “one thing”, Jesus.

1. Why do you think crowds almost invariably pursue the “more”. What is it about crowd life that leaves us clamouring for our next fill or experience?
2. How might instances of “crowd life” be seen within the church?
3. Discuss how community centered around the “one thing” differs from “crowd life”.
4. Discuss the following statement from our sermon: *By pursuing the more, we ultimately end up with nothing, but by pursuing Jesus, we ultimately end up with all that really matters.*

**Discussion Questions Set #3**

The following three take aways were presented in our sermon as important for our consideration. Discuss each of the following questions about the three take aways:

1. How might you actually put this take away into practice?
2. What would it look like for a follower of Jesus to see success in this take away?

**THREE TAKE AWAYS**

- A. Seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness really can be reduced to the intentional focus upon and full experience of relationship with God. It is manifest by a willingness to move, by faith, from the crowd to a community centered on Jesus.
- B. To remove the power of the “curse for more” from our lives, we must recognize God’s amazing provision for us.
- C. The only antidote for the poison of “the curse of the more” is to engage in a daily practice of surrender to Jesus.