



**SESSION 2: "DOING SMALL THINGS WELL-
TO THE GLORY OF GOD"**

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8 Still others fell on good ground and produced a crop that _____ 30, 60, and 100 times what was _____." 9 Then He said, "Anyone who has ears to hear should listen!"
Mark 4:8-9 HCSB

flourish: To be fully functioning and thriving in that particular place where you have the _____ for Christ on this planet.

1. God has given us two things that will produce a life _____ our wildest dreams:

- SEED: _____
- SOIL: _____

2. If we're going to live a life that flourishes we're going to have to:

- 1) Pay _____
- 2) Do _____ -to the glory of _____ !

THE GATHERING OF WOMEN

GATHER »»»→ TEACH »»»→ EQUIP »»»→ FLOURISH »»»→

LIFE – ON – LIFE

❖ GATHERING TOGETHER:

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42, 46-47

What's a Gathering of Women?

Simply put- it's women gathering together *intentionally*; gathering together for community and conversation around the person of Jesus Christ and His Word; sharing life, sharing your hearts, stirring up one another to love and good works, praying for one another to grow to love Jesus more and more. You don't have to be a "teacher"- you just have to be committed to Jesus and His Truth. Pray for your time together. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you, and let Him. Be intentional. Be yourself. Be available. Be open. Be willing to risk. Be ok with not having all the answers. Be committed to this as a lifestyle. Have fun!

Our hope is that the Gathering of Women large group gatherings will result in many other *gatherings of women* in groups of 2 or 4... sharing life together and having important conversations about faith... spiritual discussions with women you run into every day in your everyday life: friends and acquaintances, co-workers, colleagues, soccer moms and homeschoolers, believers and seekers, hammering out practical life applications... the "how to" about how the Bible really works in your everyday life and the big difference Jesus has made in you- for real. *That's LIFE-ON-LIFE... intentional, Gospel-centered discipleship!*

Never underestimate the power of a personal invitation, a cup of coffee, a table, and Jesus!

❖ READ THE SCRIPTURES: **Luke 8:4-8 compare with John 2:1-11.**

- What's happening in each of these Scriptures? What do you see?
- Do you notice any similarities? Do you notice anything extraordinary?
- Make two more observations in each passage: what do you see?

❖ HAVE THE CONVERSATION: ***Am I doing small things well- to the glory of God?***

- What drives you? What gets you up and out of bed in the morning with purpose?
- Discuss the story we studied in John 2:1-11 where Jesus attends the wedding at Cana and turns water into wine.
 - What had Jesus been asked by his mother?
 - In verse 5, Jesus's mother tells the servants, "*Whatever he tells you, do it.*" What did Jesus tell the servants to do? Put yourself in the story and try to imagine yourself as one of the servants. How would you feel? Was the task you were asked to do difficult? Did it make sense?
 - How did the servants respond? What was the result of their obedience?
 - What do you think Jesus wants you to learn from this story?
 - What has Jesus been asking you to do that you've been putting off or turning a deaf ear to? Share this with another person and tell them what you will do and when you will do it. Then report back.

❖ #SHOWHERHOW

- Pray with a friend. Not for her, but *with* her- wherever you are. We learn how to pray by hearing others pray. Take one bible verse and show her how to make it personal and conversational, talking it out with God, praying it out for herself, her family, kids or circumstances. **#showherhow**

❖ 21-DAY CHALLENGE: ***Eliminate to concentrate. Disconnect to reconnect.***

How are you doing with your **21-day challenge**? (If you missed last week you can download the handout online at thetolsongroup.com/resources/gathering-of-women/)

- **What are some of the things you've noticed personally since beginning the challenge?**