

## **Small Group Study Guide: "Defeating the Enemy of Lack"**

**Sermon Theme:** Overcoming the spiritual and practical barriers of "lack" to embrace the abundance God intends for us.

### **Opening Prayer**

- Pray for clarity, openness, and faith to explore how "lack" affects our spiritual lives and how we can overcome it.

### **Introduction**

- Discuss what "lack" means in both a material and spiritual sense according to the sermon.

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **1. Understanding Lack:**

- How does the speaker describe "lack" in our lives?
- Share instances where you've felt "lack" in any area of your life (spiritual, financial, relational).

#### **2. Satan's Role:**

- The sermon lists six things Satan wants for your life, including doubt, fear, and insecurity. Which of these do you find most prevalent in your experience with lack?

#### **3. God's Promises vs. Lack:**

- What promises does God make according to the sermon (e.g., 2 Corinthians 9:8, Philippians 4:19)?
- Discuss a time when you struggled to believe these promises because of a sense of lack.

#### **4. Moses' Example:**

- How did Moses' sense of lack nearly thwart his divine calling?
- Can you relate to Moses' doubts? How can we learn from his interaction with God at the burning bush?

#### **5. Practical Steps to Defeat Lack:**

- The sermon suggests fearing God, trusting in His sufficiency, and enduring trials. How can we practically apply these in our daily lives?

- Discuss the principle of asking God for wisdom when we feel lack (James 1:5). How often do we forget to ask?

#### 6. **Community and Faith:**

- How does engaging in community help combat the feeling of lack?
- What does it mean to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds" in the context of overcoming lack?

#### 7. **Reflection on Personal Experience:**

- Share how doubt or fear has influenced your response to lack.
- How can remembering God's faithfulness change our perspective on current lacks?

#### **Activity:**

- **Faith Exercise:** Share one area where you currently feel lack. As a group, pray specifically for each person, asking for faith, wisdom, and provision in that area.

#### **Closing Prayer**

- End by praying for each other to recognize God's abundance over the deception of lack, asking for strength to trust God over our own understanding.

#### **Action Steps:**

- Encourage each member to identify one area of "lack" in their life this week and to consciously apply one of the sermon's principles (e.g., fear God, trust in His sufficiency, ask for wisdom) to that situation.

This study guide aims to facilitate discussion and reflection on how to move from a mindset of lack to one of abundance through faith and reliance on God.