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LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 3 WEEK 4

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Going higher

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.'

Isaiah 2:3 (NIV)

Icebreaker

Have you ever done something truly 'over the top', very courageous, or extreme? Can you share it with the group?

Introduction

The call of the Kingdom of God is always a call to go higher, to go to a new level of seeing His Kingdom come in our own hearts, in our spaces of influence and even beyond. Going higher and over the top is not always easy; it stretches us. We need faith and courage for it. The good news is that in the Kingdom we can have 'over the top' faith, for our faith is rooted in the 'over the top' grace that God provides. In God's kingdom, our previous limitations become foundations for the next level God has called us to.

Discussion

We are called to a higher life in all facets of our lives. Consider the following aspects:

- **Over the top prayers.** We can be over the top in what we pray for (remember we serve a BIG God and we can bring to Him the seemingly impossible) and in the way we pray, i.e. relentlessly, until we see breakthrough, and beyond. What 'over the top' prayers are on your heart to pray?
- **Over the top serving.** The love of God for us moves us to love others around us in a similar way. Where can you offer more of your time, gifts and abilities to the Kingdom?
- **Over the top giving.** We are called to be outrageous givers. Our generosity is a good indicator of the spiritual atmosphere in our lives. Does this challenge you? Where do you stand in this? Remember that Abel gave God an offering of the best and the first of his produce (see Genesis 4:4).

Do you give your best and your first to God?

- How does tithing fit into the new covenant?

We are no longer under the law but under grace. Grace empowers us to do more than the law. God's not going to call us to give less under grace, but more!

Prayer

- Pray together for God to stir the desire to go higher and deeper with Him. Pray that the Holy Spirit will encourage you daily to trust Him first, and not to lean on your own understanding of things.
- As a group, pray that the power of worry, due to financial pressure, will be broken and that a deep faith in the Lord's care and provision will replace it.
- Ask the Lord to show you individually how you can give more. Ask Him to give you the faith to go over the top in all you do for Him.

Challenge

- Every time you feel anxious or stressed in the week ahead, think of something you are grateful for and thank the Lord for His goodness and His extravagant love.
- How will you live out an 'over the top' faith in the week ahead?
Be prepared to share next week one way in which you have done so.