

The POWER *of*
POSITIVE
IMAGINATION

SMALL GROUP

Member Guide

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LESSON 1



Our Imagination is a Gift from God!

MEMORY = RECALL | IMAGINATION = FUTURE

²⁰Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—

Ephesians 3:20 | AMP

Your imagination is connected to God's best for you!

GOD WANTS US TO DREAM *AND* DREAM BIG!

²⁰I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God.

²¹His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 | CEV

When we use our imagination for the right thing, it brings honor to God!

God wants our imagination to be sanctified.

⁶And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Genesis 11:6 | KJV

GOD CAN'T DO ANY MORE THAN WHAT YOU CAN IMAGINE.

DISCUSSION

1 What are some thoughts you need to change from negative to positive?

2 What is holding you back from dreaming big?

3 How can we sanctify our imagination?

THIS WEEK

- 1** Every day take 5 minutes to dream. Imagine what your relationship with God will be like, your family, your future.
- 2** Invite a friend to join you next week at your Small Group.

LESSON 2



Your imagination is connected to what God is able to do in your life, with your life, and through your life!

QUESTION: *What are you imagining?*

The dominant images in our inside determine how we conduct our lives.

⁹ *That is what the Scriptures mean when they say,*

*“No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
and no mind has imagined
what God has prepared
for those who love him.”*

1 Corinthians 2:9 | NLT

GOD WORKS WITH OUR IMAGINATION!

Don't imagine the worst, imagine the best!

¹⁰ *But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit.*

For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.

1 Corinthians 2:10 | NLT

THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.

¹¹ *No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit,*

and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:11 | NLT

GOD'S WAYS ARE BETTER THAN OUR WAYS!

¹² *And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know
the wonderful things God has freely given us.*

1 Corinthians 2:12 | NLT

**SPEND MORE TIME DREAMING ABOUT YOUR FUTURE
THAN TALKING ABOUT YOUR PAST!**

DISCUSSION

1 What have you been imagining?

2 What can you do when you start imagining the worst?

3 What is something new you learned from 1 Corinthians 2:9-12?

THIS WEEK

- 1** Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's plan for your life.
- 2** Replace the time you spend watching the news with time in God's Word. Read the One Year Bible instead.
- 3** Invite another friend to Small Group next week.

LESSON 3



Words Create Images and Pictures

⁸This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8 | KJV

What you are saying has a lot to do with what you are imagining.

What you are saying determines the trajectory of your life!

Meditate = personalize what you are reading, memorize it, and visualize what you are reading.

Visit your future every day with your imagination.

MY WAY, MY FUTURE AND THE OUTCOME ARE CONNECTED TO MY IMAGINATION.

Renew your mind with the Word of God!

⁸This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.

Joshua 1:8 | AMP

IMAGINATION GIVES INSPIRATION.

Let the Word of God feed your imagination.

DISCUSSION

1 Who do you want to become?

2 How can our confession change from negative to positive?

3 How can we renew our mind?

THIS WEEK

- 1** Daily, find a new promise in the Word of God, and confess it throughout the day.
- 2** Make a list of who you want to become.
- 3** Make it a habit to visit your future daily. Set a time and place to do this.

LESSON 4



Two Sets of Eyes

³⁴ *And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.*

³⁵ *And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:*

³⁶ *Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.*

³⁷ *He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?*

³⁸ *He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.*

³⁹ *And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.*

⁴⁰ *And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.*

⁴¹ *And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.*

⁴² *And they did all eat, and were filled.*

⁴³ *And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.*

⁴⁴ *And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.*

Mark 6:34-44 | KJV

Don't walk by what you see in the natural, but in the spiritual.

God works with our imagination.

DISCUSSION

1 How can we grow our spiritual eyesight?

2 What are things we can do to let God work with our imagination?

3 What did you takeaway from Mark 6:34-44?

THIS WEEK

- 1** Pray for new experiences, events in your life, and revelation in your life.
- 2** Remember a BUT GOD story in your life. A time where things in the natural looked bad BUT GOD turned it around. Let this time fill with you hope and fuel your imagination.
- 3** Share with a friend what you have learned so far in your Small Group and invite them to Church this weekend.

LESSON 5



BIG Idea

**Holy Spirit is the Artist,
the Word of God is the Oil,
and your Heart is the Canvas.**

WHEN YOU ARE

Being Spirit Filled

Being Word Filled

*Then they feed your
imagination and give
you power in the present.*

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**HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING
TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF YOUR GOD?**

Imagine what God can do with you, your family, and your life!

Don't let the devil sabotage your future with small thinking.

Imagine BIG!

DISCUSSION

1 How have these teachings impacted your imagination?

2 Have there been moments this week where you have identified negative imagination? Did you do anything about it? If you did, how did you remove that “stinking thinking”?

3 How can we allow the Holy Spirit to lead our imagination?

THIS WEEK

1 If you haven't been water baptized and you would like to, sign up today!
cotr.org/baptism

2 Build your prayer language by praying in it every day.

3 Every day, pause, and look at the size of your God by focusing on His character.

LESSON 6



Create a Dream Board

Without a vision you perish.

God cannot do more than what we can imagine.

A Dream Board helps us visit our future every day!

WAYS WE CAN ENLARGE OUR IMAGINATION:

- 1 By reading the word of God every day – One Year Bible**
- 2 Through the Holy Spirit**
- 3 Through experiences**
- 4 Through the right events**
- 5 Surrounded by the right people**
- 6 Through prayer**
- 7 Fellowship with God**

¹⁴And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

¹⁵For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

¹⁶And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

¹⁷Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Genesis 13:14-17 | KJV

Don't give up on your dreams. Focus on your future with your positive imagination!

DISCUSSION

1 What resources do you use to create a Dream Board?

2 What are some things you want to add to your Dream Board?

3 With the tools Pastor Blunt mentioned, which tool will you be intentional to use to enlarge your imagination?

THIS WEEK

1 Work on your Dream Board.

2 Continue to visit your future daily.

3 Reach out to a new friend you have made in your Small Group and ask them how their Dream Board is going.