

a new sermon series on impacting  
our world here, near & far away

# MIRACULOUS MULTIPLICATION

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### ice breaker

Use one of the following questions to open up discussion. (If you have first-time guests, be sure to have people tell their names as they answer the icebreaker question.)

- 1 If you could learn to speak any language what would it be and why?
- 2 If you could go on a mission trip anywhere in the world where would it be?
- 3 Who is your favorite author?

### Our Mission

The Vineyard Church . . . continuing the work of Jesus.

### Upcoming Events

**Vineyard Backpack Outreach:** We still need about 200 backpacks for this year's Back to School Blast. Thank you to all who have already brought some in; please consider bringing more in by 5pm on Sunday, August 15 to ensure each child will have a backpack. We could also use more volunteers if you haven't yet signed up to help.

**VLI Intensive:** Systemic Theology II: Friday, August 20, 6-10pm and Saturday, August 21, 8am-1pm.

**Vineyard Leadership Team Meeting (VLT):** Monday, August 30, 2010, 6:00-8:30pm.

### Suggested Songs

Each week we will suggest several songs for you to use during worship time. Feel free to choose two or three of these songs, or you may choose your own songs. We will include pdf files of the lyrics and chords as an attachment to the Lifeline email.

HALLELUJAH (YOUR LOVE IS AMAZING) (Key: E) Brenton Brown & Brian Doerksen  
©2000 Vineyard Songs (UK/Eire)

YOU ARE GOOD (Key: A) Israel Houghton © 2001 Integrity's Hosanna! Music  
I LIFT MY EYES UP (Psalm 121) (Key: A) Brian Doerksen © 1990 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

SIMPLE TOKEN (Key: D) Jim Wood © 2003 Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

IF YOU SAY GO (Key: D) Diane Thiel © Mercy/Vineyard Publishing

BEAUTIFUL ONE (Key: D) Tim Hughes © 2002 Thankyou Music

### Our Study: Multiplying Mercy

**objectives:** *As small group members and guests, we will:*

1. Identify the call to the poor that Jesus gave His church.
2. Identify some ways that we can answer this call right now (both long and short term).
3. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you with compassion for the poor, particularly children, and see them through His eyes.



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**study/prayer time:** *Please feel free to adjust this study to fit your group's needs and to the direction of the Holy Spirit. It is not necessary to use all of the questions.*

1. Ask a couple volunteers to read Luke 9:46-48 and Matthew 25:34-40. What stands out to you in these passages?
2. In both of these passages Jesus references "the least being the most". This is a pretty radical statement (both 2,000 years ago and today). What are some examples of things that you see around you in the world that contradict this statement?
3. In the passage in Luke, Jesus makes very clear his feelings on the importance of welcoming children in His name. What are some things that you are doing, or could be doing right now to help answer this call?
4. In the passage in Matthew, Jesus gives us (His church) a clear call on how to care for one another. Is there a time that you selflessly fed, clothed, etc. another? Was it easy to do, or did you have to negotiate the sacrifice?
5. What are some long term things that we can be doing right now to answer the call of caring for the least?
6. Do any of you sponsor a child through organizations like Compassion International or World Vision? If so, what led you to step out and make this sacrifice? If not, have you ever felt Jesus prompting you to do this?
7. Likewise, if you do (or have in the past) sponsored a child through one of these ministries, what has been your overall experience?
8. Take a few minutes of quiet time and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to the members of the group things in their lives that may be a barrier to answering Jesus' call to compassion for the poor.
9. After a time of worship, break into groups of 2 or 3 and pray for one another. Consider praying for the barriers that the Holy Spirit revealed to you.