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"Imagine... Making Room for a Miracle"

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Big Idea: God wants you to Make Room for Him to do a Miracle

"Jesus looked at them intently and said,

"Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God.

Everything is possible with God." mark10/27

To make room for a miracle I must Acknowledge The Need

"...the usual vast crowd was there... and he taught them many things they needed to know. Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, 'Tell the people to go away to the nearby villages and farms and buy themselves some food, for there is nothing to eat here in this desolate spot, and it is getting late.' ...Jesus said, 'You feed them.' 'With what?' they asked. 'It would take a fortune to buy food for all this crowd!'" mark6/34>37

To make room for a miracle I must Inventory My Resources

"How much food do we have?" he asked. "Go and find out." mark6/38

"Jesus already knew what he planned to do." john6/6

To make room for a miracle I must Volunteer My Resources to God

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish... Jesus said, "Have the people sit down... Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated." mark6/9>11esv

To make room for a miracle I must Expect God to Provide What I Lack

"he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish." mark6/41-43esv

The next miracle in Flipside's history... The Imagine Campaign

5 purposes of the Imagine Campaign

To help us Take Steps of Spiritual Maturity

...a weekend series titled "Imagine...":

...a devotional and Bible journaling

...challenging people to become mature in their giving

...being involved in a small group

"You people there are leaders in so many ways—you have so much faith, so many good preachers, so much learning, so much enthusiasm, so much love for us. Now I want you to be leaders also in the spirit of cheerful giving." 2corinthians8/7tlb

To deepen our Fellowship As A Church Family

...by opening homes of our church family to visit each other for "focus groups"

"You should be like one big happy family" 1peter3/8

"Cheerfully share your home" 1peter4/9nlt

To help everyone Find A Place Of Ministry

...by providing a ministry brochure

...by providing a ministry assessment on the website

...by providing a SHAPE class on Nov 4 & 11

"Complete the ministry God has given you." 2timothy4/5

To Worship God by celebrating Thanksgiving

...by having a Thanksgiving Breakfast to express thanks to God on Nov 18

...by having a Celebration Sunday to express thanks to God on Nov 25

"Let us come before him with thanksgiving." psalm95/2

To challenge us to Commit To The Four Projects Of The Imagine Campaign

...by having a Commitment Day on November 18 when each of us can make a gift and a two year giving commitment (one service at 10am in the gym)

"they had first given themselves unreservedly to God... The other giving simply flowed out of the purposes of God working in their lives."

2corinthians8/5theMessage

What can I expect during this time?

1. To see Miracles

2. To grow Spiritually

3. To be Hassled By Satan

4. To experience Joy

Pray: "Lord, what would You have me do?"