**Greater: His Greater Things. Our Hearts Desire.** 

Key Passages: Ephesians 3:20–21, Matthew 28:18–20, and selected.

#### **BELONG**

# Ice Breaker Question:

Have you ever had a moment when you thought, "There's no way I can do this," only to look back and realize you actually did? Share a time when you accomplished something greater than you imagined—whether through perseverance, faith, or unexpected help.

**Leader Notes:** Encourage participants to share personal stories of overcoming limitations. This sets the stage for understanding how God calls us beyond our comfort zones into a greater vision for our lives and for our church.

# **BELIEVE**

# **His Greater Things**

God specializes in doing more than we could ask or imagine. His plans are always bigger than ours. Have someone in your group read aloud Ephesians 3:20–21. How have you experienced God doing "greater things" in your life? In what ways does recognizing God's ability to exceed our expectations inspire your faith today?

**Leader Notes:** Encourage participants to share personal testimonies of moments when God provided, directed, or moved in ways beyond their expectations. Discuss how these experiences deepen trust in Him.

## **Our Heart's Desire**

Our hearts are designed for something more. Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." How can we distinguish between fleeting desires and the deeper calling God has placed in us? How do you sense God aligning those desires with His greater plan for our church?

**Leader Notes:** Guide discussion on discerning God's voice from personal whims, using prayer, Scripture, and counsel. Encourage sharing how God shapes desires for His purposes, especially through service. Brainstorm how passions contribute to First Orlando's vision, emphasizing unity and diverse gifts.

### **Greater Reach**

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. This passage reminds us that when we sow generously, God enables us to reach even more people with His love. In what ways have you seen our church's generosity extend God's love beyond our immediate community?

**Leader Notes:** Discuss how every act of generosity—whether time, resources, or kindness expands God's kingdom. Encourage brainstorming of ways to extend reach through missions, service, and daily interactions.

# **Greater Impact**

Jesus called us to be salt and light (Matthew 5:13–16). Small actions, done in faith, can have eternal consequences. What does it mean to make a "greater impact" in today's world? Can you share an instance where someone's small act of faith or service resulted in significant, ripple-like change in your life?

**Leader Notes:** Encourage the group to focus on how impact isn't about size but faithfulness. Share testimonies of small actions that led to meaningful change.

# **BECOME**

Reflecting on "His Greater Things", what specific area of your life or involvement at First Orlando are you sensing God prompting you to step into something more? What practical step can you take this week to move in that direction, trusting that God can do exceedingly beyond what you ask or imagine?

Leader Notes: Encourage participants to be specific. Push for concrete, measurable actions they can take in the coming week.

Considering "Our Heart's Desire" and the needs of First Orlando and our community, what passion or desire do you believe God might be stirring in your heart? How can you intentionally explore that desire through prayer, Scripture, and conversation with others at First Orlando to discern how it might align with God's greater plan for our church?

Leader Notes: Remind participants that exploring their desires is a process. Emphasize the importance of seeking counsel and discerning God's voice.