“Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin…” Zechariah 4:10 (NLT)

God ____________________ in small beginnings!

“Remember, dear brothers and sisters, few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.”
1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NLT)

God loves to use __________________ people.

SMALL BEGINNINGS START WITH:

1. **Being Consistent in ___________________________.**

   “…And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice…” 1 Kings 19:12 (NKJV)

   Listen to the _____________________

   and make the right choice.

2. **Being Content with__________________________**

   God leads us ________________________ at a time.

   “The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand.” Psalm 37:23-24 (NLT)

3. **Celebrating ____________________________**

   “The Lord your God will drive these nations out ahead of you little by little. You will not clear them away all at once, otherwise the wild animals would multiply too quickly for you.” Deuteronomy 7:22 (NIV)

   Celebrating small victories keeps our ________________ on God.

   “But thanks be to God, who always leads us in victory through Christ. God uses us to spread his knowledge everywhere like a sweet-smelling perfume.” 2 Corinthians 2:14 (ERV)

   Let your life be a sweet-smelling fragrance of ________________!

   FATHER GOD, Thank you for accepting me with all my faults and failures. Thank you for making something out of my nothing. Forgive me for my sin and pride and help me today to make a small beginning. I trust that in your hands my life will be blessed and accomplish all you have for me. I trust you with my future. In Christ’s Name, AMEN

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GATHER, GROW AND GO WITH US IN GROW GROUPS

Open Up: Share one small beginning you’ve recently made.

Share Scriptures: Let different members share a verse or idea from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Talk It Over: In your opinion, why does God like us to start small?

Pray Together: Pray for the small beginnings each one is experiencing.

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