

*sermon notes*

# BREAKING SMALL

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“Sing, barren woman, who has never had a baby. Fill the air with song, you who’ve never experienced childbirth! You’re ending up with far more children than all those childbearing women.’ God says so! ‘Clear lots of ground for your tents! Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big! Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep. You’re going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family. You’re going to take over whole nations; you’re going to resettle abandoned cities. Don’t be afraid - you’re not going to be embarrassed. Don’t hold back - you’re not going to come up short. You’ll forget all about the humiliations of your youth, and the indignities of being a widow will fade from memory. For your Maker is your bridegroom, his name, God-of-the-Angel-Armies! Your Redeemer is The Holy of Israel, known as God of the whole earth.”

## **Isaiah 54:1-5 MSG**

### *Consider and Discuss*

- Pastor Andrew shared on “Speaking Up”: changing the way we speak about situations in our life that may be “barren” to use Kingdom language. For example, changing “my marriage is what it is, I don’t think it will ever change” to the Kingdom belief that “My marriage can become a true picture of God’s love”. How can you change what you’re speaking to exercise your faith in God’s ability to bring fruitfulness to areas of your life?
- Share some areas where you *have* recently seen God bringing fruitfulness
- In what areas of life have you “Stretched Out” lately? Are there areas you feel you could stretch out more?
- Andrew talked about “Shame Off”: breaking off the shame and shyness we carry from past situations. Share some areas of your life that may have led to shame that could be limiting your future or effecting your confidence.