

Growth Group Discussion Guide

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Read Luke 6:38. The blessing in giving. How does God respond when we give? What does God promise to do when we give? Why is it important to give? Share a time when God prompted you to give and He blessed you as a result of your giving. Does God always reward us in the same way we give? Do you believe God will respond and give you back more than you can ever give to Him?

Read Acts 20:35b. I get to give. Why do you think the Lord said it is more blessed to give than to receive? How do you feel when you give? Has there ever been a time in your life where you really wanted to give, but was unable to give? How did that make you feel? What did you learn from that experience? What are some blessings that God provides to those who give and those who have a heart to give?

Read Matthew 20:28. I give myself away. How do you feel about serving others? How do you view a servant? Who are you serving? What in your life are you serving? Are you involved in something that is greater than yourself? If not, what keeps you from serving? What are you willing to give your life away for? Do you find it difficult to serve others? Can you think of a time where it was difficult to serve, but God ended up making it one of the best experiences of your life? What can you rearrange in your life so that you will have the time to serve? What are some benefits of serving others? Who in your life, would benefit from your service? What steps will you take today to begin serving others?

Read I Corinthians 12:4-7. I am a gift. Do you feel that you are a gift to the Body of Christ? Do you feel that the Body of Christ needs you? Do you believe that God has given you at least one gift to be a gift to His church? If not, why not? Do you feel unqualified to serve God's people? Is there something in your past that is preventing you from being used by God? What can you begin doing today to use your gift(s) for the Kingdom of God?

Taking It Home: How Will I Apply It: Identify one thing that keeps you from giving the way God wants you to and begin praying for God to help you to overcome that obstacle. Make a commitment to give more of your time, talent, and resources to God. What practical step can you take as a demonstration of your commitment to give more faithfully to the things of God? You may need someone to hold you accountable to ensure that you take the necessary steps. Share this with a trusted friend and watch God use you to impact the Kingdom of God.

GIVING IS LIVING SERIES

"Try It"

Mal. 3:10-11

My RESPONSIBILITY(v. 10a)

- Give with the right HEART, on a CONSISTENT basis with the right AMOUNT.
 - Make it AUTOMATIC.
- General offering supports our MISSIONS and MINISTRY. (2 Cor 8:7)
- Love offering supports our PASTOR and HIS FAMILY. (1 Tim 5:17)
- Great Expectations supports our FACILITY EXPANSION. (Ex 36:1-7)
- TEST GOD in your GIVING.

God's RESPONSIBILITY. (v. 10b-11)

- God will OPEN UP and POUR OUT!
- God's ability to PROVIDE outweighs our ability to BE IN NEED.
- God's capacity to BLESS YOU is greater than your capacity.
- God can bless by PREVENTING.
- You cannot GIVE to GET but you GET to GIVE.