



Sermon Discussion Guide – May 15, 2022
SERIES – MONEY TALKS – Money & Our Relationship With God
TITLE – “Give Me”
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
(Adapted From “Money Talks” by Callie & Rosario Picardo)

Introduction – God is calling Christ-followers to steward their resources, and part of that stewardship is the act of generosity. Generosity is the only antidote to penitential greed and the worship of money, regardless of your income level. The act of generosity is not just for Christian individuals alone, but is also an activity that churches, networks, and denominations can participate in to extend their kingdom-building work far beyond their circles.

GROUP DISCUSSION

(This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss or supplement with your own materials)

Open with Prayer

1. What is a story of generosity that impacted your life personally.
2. Do I see money as a tool for God or as a tool for me?
3. What is the difference between our money saying “worship me” and “give me”? Which do you hear more often?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
 - What words and illustrations are used to describe the attitude about giving that God will honor?
 - What does this passage list as the outcomes or fruit of Christian generosity?
 - What is God’s purpose in providing the giver everything he or she needs?
 - “Giving is a tangible expression of our trust in God.” Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why?
 - Some have misunderstood this passage to mean that God “pays us back” when we give. What does it really mean?
5. What giving experience has taught you the most about God?
6. Besides our financial resources, what other gifts should we use for God’s glory? How do we see others using these gifts in our church? In our community? In other parts of the world?

NEXT STEPS (Optional for group discussion)

1. **TEMPERATURE GAUGE** – What is the level of trust you have towards God with your money on a scale of 1 to 10?
2. **RESPOND** – How is the Lord calling me to respond? In confession and repentance? Prayer for help and guidance? Seeking out a confidant or listening ear? Take a moment to write down one action step.
3. **PRACTICE** – When you give you are helping break the bonds of greed and materialism that say, “worship me”. Then you experience the joy of giving. Give with confidence, knowing how God gives so generously to us. Prayerfully ask God to guide your giving. If you need help, two sources for financial wisdom are Dave Ramsey’s “Financial Peace” at ramseysolutions.com, and Crown Financial Ministries – www.crown.org.



Sermon Discussion Guide Leader Notes

Preparing to Lead Your Group

- ✓ **PRAY** for insight as you begin to prepare for leading your group. Ask for God's wisdom, that the Holy Spirit will be the teacher and that you will be God's instrument to lead the group to greater understanding and a willingness to commit to becoming more like God. *Prayer should be your primary source of personal preparation for leading your group!*
- ✓ **PLAN** where you want to take your group during the next series. Is your group strong in some areas and weak in others? How can you challenge the members to live more balanced Christian lives?
- ✓ **EVALUATE** after each session and at the end of a series. Reflect on what went well and what didn't. Re-evaluation is key to your growth as a leader. How are you doing with leading the discussion: is it stimulating, challenging, and meaningful? Are you able to keep the group on track? Do you need to make some changes?

Using This Sermon Discussion Guide

- Review the discussion guide and sermon notes for this week. You can also view the sermon from our website, www.faithunitedepc.org. As the discussion leader, you should preview and evaluate the questions based on the needs of your group.
- Feel free to adapt the format as needed. If your group is mature and wants to dig deeper, consider using the Next Steps section or add additional Scripture and resources. Remember this is only a guide and you don't have to complete all of it. It is a tool to promote good discussion. The goal is good discussion not necessarily getting through every question.
- The questions with Bible verses associated with them are there to encourage Bible literacy. So encourage different people to open their Bibles and read selected verses if they are willing and able.
- Your goal as the leader is to bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their needs for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.