
Life Group Sermon Based Questions

"Missions and Money - Generosity"

(2 Corinthians 8:1-15)

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[Hello LG leaders,

Welcome to a new year of LG. I am praying for God to do great things this year in each of your LG's. Here are the questions for you LG:

Anticipate that you might get a lot of questions related to the sermon series (e.g. Should tithe be from gross or net pay? Do I have to pay my tithe to the church or can I give some of it to a charitable org? When does one pass from greed to regular giving to sacrificial giving?) The questions could be endless. Just remember, that people are sinners. We all want ourselves to look good. We all give ourselves the benefit of the doubt. We all like to justify our actions. Focus on the heart of the matter. Focus on Lordship to Christ and devotion to Christ. If you haven't yet read last Sunday's DYK column, then please read it. I'd like that to be the foundation of this week's and all future discussions.]

1. Read through this week's New City Catechism (NCC #9). As the leader, read the question and have the group respond by reading the answer together, out loud. Then go around the room and read the commentary. Conclude by praying the prayer together.

2. Recap:

Money and Missions

week 1: Greed

week 2: Stewardship

week 3: Generosity

What, in particular, did the Holy Spirit impress upon your heart during this past week's sermon on generosity? Share with the group.

3. Do you live out of a budget? Why or why not? What are the dangers of not doing so and what are the advantages of doing so? Why is it difficult to know if you are giving sacrificially unless you know your budget?

4. Do you tithe? Why or why not?

5. If your attitude and use of money and possessions was the only indicator of your faith (though it isn't, there are many others), what would it say about your faith?

6. Why is it so important that our giving is done willingly and joyfully? How can you improve the attitude behind your giving?

7. For Parents: How can you instill giving habits into your children? Maybe each family can share what they do and learn from each other.

8. Giving sacrificially and generously can be hard, but it doesn't have to be, and actually, it shouldn't be. How is the Gospel, that is grace -- that is Christ, the secret to a generous heart? Read 2 Corinthians 8:2 and 8:9.

9. Pray and ask to Lord for his help to know him more, to allow the Gospel to penetrate us more deeply, so that our generosity will truly come as a result of being impacted by grace.