

Small Groups

Leader Conversation Guide – Grace Giving

Main Idea

This week, Pastor Chris completed our legacy-minded series called, “Generous,” by teaching us about grace giving. During this season of generosity, it’s important that we understand the motivation behind it. We never want to be lead in any part of our faith with a “have to” mentality. Instead, through the overflow of love and grace we have in vibrant relationship with Jesus, we GET TO enjoy every part of our faith- including giving. Remember, God doesn’t just want our obedience, He wants our heart!

Make It Practical

1. We can become grace givers when we are grateful, not guilty. God blesses us so we can bless others.
2. We can become grace givers when we love people the way God does.
3. We can become grace givers when we fall in love with Jesus. Our giving, serving, prayer life, and time in the Word is not transactional – it’s relational!

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.”

1 Chronicles 29:14

Talk About It

1. How does approaching generosity through the “Tree of Life” help you with your understanding of the motivation behind giving? Discuss Grace vs Law and Internal Motivation vs External Obligation.
2. In reference to Matthew 6:21, Pastor Chris said that wherever we put our time, treasure, and talent, our hearts will follow. Where do you want your heart?
3. As a group, discuss the ways that that you feel like God calls you to give. How does the enemy distract you from doing this, and what are practical ways to get back on track?

“If one first gives himself to the Lord, all other giving is easy.”

John Bonnell

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for showing us the ultimate example of giving through grace, by dying on the cross for our sins. We want all we do to come from the abundance our relationship with You. Work in us the desire and power to do what You've called us to do and to love others like You do. Thank You for what we get to do as Your people and church, Father! It's in Your name we pray, Amen!

Leader Tips

Encourage your group to pray about their personal motivation for giving and practical ways they can walk this out.