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**TRADE FEAR FOR TRUST**

## TIPS TO A SUCCESSFUL GROUP

- **START & FINISH ON TIME.** Doing this will show your small group you value their time.

## TRUSTING GOD

### ICEBREAKER

What was a blessing that you received recently? Share with the group and thank God for His provision. (*Examples: Receiving a gift card, a promotion at work, someone offering a ride or a meal, etc.*)

### INTRODUCTION

Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* If we're honest, receiving often feels better than giving. Jesus promises blessings to those who are willing to live generously. But why is giving more blessed? If God is love and God gives, then **love gives**. You can't separate love from action. If love never gives, it's not love—it's just a feeling.

### READ |

*For God so loved the world that He gave...* — John 3:16 (NIV)

This verse doesn't say God loved the world *"so much that He felt deeply."* It says He loved the world *so He gave*. Love always moves toward sacrifice. Real love shows up when it costs something, like time, comfort, convenience, or resources. That's why we clean up messes we didn't make, watch movies we don't like, or show up when it's inconvenient for those we love. Love isn't proven by words alone, but by action. If God defines love, then giving is essential to being more like Him.

**When was a time someone went out of their way to give you something, and how did that make you feel?** (Examples: "When going through a hard time, friends gave me food, and I felt so seen"; "When my relative blessed me while I was struggling financially, it brought me a lot of hope." Etc.)

## **READ |**

*In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.* — 2 Corinthians 8:1–2 (NIV)

These believers in "extreme poverty" weren't comfortable or secure. On top of that, they were facing intense trials. Yet instead of fear or self-preservation, their response was generosity. That doesn't make sense unless something deeper was shaping their mindset. Their joy didn't come from having more, but from trusting God and being part of what He was doing.

**If you felt like God was asking you to bless someone beyond what you could afford, how would you respond? Be honest.** (Examples: Hesitantly; worrying if God will make up the difference; it would feel like a sacrifice; etc.)

## **READ |**

*... he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.* — Haggai 1:6 (NKJV)

Sometimes, no matter how much comes in, we think, "I never have enough." There's always anxiety, fear, or comparison. But God wants us to trust in Him as our provider. In ancient times, people gave the first part of the harvest **before** knowing how much would come later. Giving first wasn't a logical move, but one of dedicated faith. Instead of consuming first and giving later, they gave first and trusted God to supply the rest.

**Which mindset do you see in yourself more often—one of trust and provision, or pessimism and lack? If it's not a mindset of trust, what can you do to trust God more?**

## **WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

- **Ask God Before Making Decisions.** Whether it's spending or withholding, ask: "Is this fear or faith?"
- **Start Small But Start Now.** Faith and trust grows through action, not intention.

## **CLOSE IN PRAYER:**

Dear God, thank You for loving us by giving first. Please free us from fear and scarcity thinking, grow our trust, and reshape our mindset. Teach us to love like You—open-handed and full of joy. We choose to trust You as our provider. In Jesus' name, amen.



## Make Time to be in God's WORD

Reading God's Word daily re-patterns the way you think & transforms your mind. Doing your daily devotions is an excellent way to record, process, & share what God is teaching you on a personal level. We do this using S.O.A.P.

- S - Scripture**
- O - Observation**
- A - Application**
- P - Prayer**

### Here's an example:

**S:** *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "*  
--Matthew 4:4 (NIV)

**O:** Jesus said that we can't live on food alone. Our life is sustained through His Word.

**A:** Just as food is important to me, God's Word is even more because it will sustain me and give me the strength to live out my life.

**P:** Jesus, thank You for reminding me that I need Your Word to give me the wisdom & strength to follow You. Help me to make time to spend with You daily. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.

## SCRIPTURES FOR S.O.A.P.

### **Day 1:**

***Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.***

— 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

### **Day 2:**

***Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.***

— Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

### **Day 3:**

***Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.*** — Luke 6:30 (NIV)

### **Day 4:**

***In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."*** — Acts 20:35 (NIV)

### **Day 5:**

***Freely you have received, freely give.***  
— Matthew 10:8 (NIV)