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**TRADE FEAR FOR TRUST**

## TIPS TO A SUCCESSFUL GROUP

- **BE COMFORTABLE WITH SILENCE.** Uncomfortable silences are bound to happen. It's okay! A long pause during a group discussion can be powerful. A *pause* gives space for quieter people to break into the conversation; silence allows people to figure out exactly what they would like to say.

## GIVING GENEROUSLY

### ICEBREAKER

Are you more of a saver, spender, or bargain hunter?

### INTRODUCTION

Most of us are usually great at shopping, saving, or stretching a dollar. But Scripture repeatedly calls believers to be great at giving. Giving isn't just a financial decision, but a **spiritual discipline**. In fact, the Bible calls it a **ministry**, meaning it's one of the ways God shapes our hearts and blesses others through us.

### READ |

*So we have urged Titus, who encouraged your giving in the first place, to return to you and encourage you to finish this ministry of giving.* — 2 Corinthians 8:6 (NLT)

The Corinthian church had good intentions. They *wanted* to give, but didn't follow through. Paul doesn't shame them; he encourages them to finish what they started. Generosity doesn't earn us "extra credit" with God, but it does play a role in spiritual growth and

maturity. If your faith feels stalled or routine, generosity may be one way God is inviting you to trust Him more deeply.

### **How do you think our community would change if people chose to live generously?**

*(Examples: families wouldn't need to worry about their next meal; youth may not feel pressured to steal; there would be more hope and positivity; etc.)*

### **READ |**

*Generous people plan to do what is generous. — Isaiah 32:8 (NLT)*

Most people plan vacations, remodels, and parties—but rarely plan generosity. When generosity isn't planned, it's often postponed and forgotten. But God cares more about the **heart** than the **amount**. Planning to give first trains us to trust God as our source, and not to depend on our surplus.

**Have you seen an example of "planned generosity?" What's one simple way you could plan generosity?** *(Examples: setting aside money in a budget; deciding ahead of time what to do with a bonus or tax refund; choosing to regularly support a cause; etc.)*

### **READ |**

*Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins... — Mark 12:41–42 (NIV)*

In this story, Jesus watches as people give their offerings at the temple. The wealthy give large amounts, but a poor widow gives only two small coins. Jesus says she gave more. Why? Because generosity isn't measured by the amount, but by the sacrifice. The rich gave from surplus, but the woman gave all she had out of trust. God doesn't call us to be reckless or unwise, but Scripture consistently shows that **faith-filled sacrifice grows trust, and trust deepens our relationship with Him.**

**When was the last time generosity cost you something—comfort, convenience, or security? How did God bless you afterward?**

### **WHAT WILL YOU DO?**

- **Talk It Through.** Discuss generosity with your spouse, family member, or trusted friend before making a plan.
- **Plan and Commit.** Put generosity on your calendar or into your budget, and ask someone to hold you accountable—or choose to practice generosity alongside you.

## CLOSE IN PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You for being a generous Father. Please teach us to be intentional with our generosity, give willingly, and trust You fully, because we believe You are more than enough. Help us reflect Your heart, not just in intention, but in action. 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:**

***If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?***  
— 1 John 3:17 (NIV)

### **Day 2:**

***Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.***  
— Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)

### **Day 3:**

***But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.***  
— Hebrews 13:16 (NKJV)

### **Day 4:**

***The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself.***  
— Proverbs 11:25 (NKJV)

### **Day 5:**

***Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.***  
— Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV)