



**CONNECTION
GROUP
LESSONS**



Discussion Questions For Connection Group Leaders

“THE BIBLICAL TRUTHS OF GIVING”

Each week you will want to include the following components in your Connection Group meeting:

1. **Welcome** – This is a time for our group to have a little fun together and to get better acquainted with each other. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to glean insights into the life of each member. Use the group opener questions for this section of the meeting.
2. **Worship**—This is an occasion for us to turn our focus in the right direction. We praise and adorn the Lord for who He is and what He has done in our lives. Let the worship lead you into a time of Spirit-led prayer and ministry to each other.

Ministry: Allow your group members to edify each other with the spiritual gifts that God has given to them. Pray for each other and allow the Spirit to minister through His people.

Is there a prophetic word? (A word of exhortation, edification, comfort) Is there a word of tongues and an interpretation? Does someone need special prayer? Etc.

3. **Word** – As a group, we open God’s Word, and we discuss the topic before us and learn how to apply the Word of God to our everyday situations. We take the sermon that was preached and make it applicable and practical to our everyday situations.
4. **Works** – We discuss and plan how we as a group will actively reach out to the lost and hurting around us. This is where we strategize how we will put “shoe leather” to the truth of God’s Word.

GIVING ORIGINATES FROM GOD

Scripture Reference: Genesis 1-3

Theme: Giving Begins with God, Not with Us

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. When you receive a good gift, what is your natural response – gratitude, excitement, or sharing it with others? Why?
2. Can you remember a time when someone gave to you before you even asked? How did that make you feel?

Discussion Questions:

- Group Facilitator – *It is not necessary to use all the questions provided. Select the ones that will stimulate the most response from your Connection Group.*
 1. In Genesis 1, God keeps saying, “It is good.” What does this show you about God’s character?
 2. How do you see God’s goodness in your own life right now?
 3. Why is it important that God provided everything Adam needed before asking him to work? What does that teach you about God? Genesis 1:28-30, 2:8-15
 4. The sermon said, “We are not owners; we are stewards.” What do you think that means for the way you handle your time, talents, and resources?
 5. God is described as good, generous, and gracious. Which of these is hardest for you to truly believe about God? Why?
 6. How does believing that God is generous change the way you think about giving?
 7. What fears usually stop you from giving freely—fear of lack, fear of the future, or fear of losing control?
 8. Looking at God’s grace in Genesis 3:21 and John 3:16, how does God’s giving of Christ shape the way you should live and give?

APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, choose one way to reflect God's character:

- Because God is **good** – thank Him daily for at least one gift you often take for granted.
- Because God is **generous** – intentionally give something: time, help, encouragement, or resources.
- Because God is **gracious** – forgive, show patience, or help someone who does not deserve it.

Intentional Discipleship:

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GIVING THAT PLEASES GOD

Scripture Reference: Genesis 4:1-7 | Hebrews 11:4 | Genesis 8:15-22

Theme: God Looks at the Heart Before He Looks at the Hand

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. When you give a gift, what matters more to you – the price of the gift or the meaning behind it? Why?
2. Have you ever received a gift that was small but very meaningful? What made it special?

Discussion Questions:

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 1. Cain and Abel both gave offerings. What was the main difference between their giving according to Hebrews 11:4?
 2. Why do you think God looks at the heart before He looks at the gift? 1 Samuel 16:7 | Proverbs 16:2
 3. What does it mean to give “by faith”? How is that different from giving out of habit or pressure? Hebrews 11:6 | 2 Corinthians 9:7
 4. Abel gave his first and best. What does giving your “first and best” look like in your life today? Genesis 4:4 | Romans 12:1
 5. Noah built an altar before he built a house. What does that show you about worship? Genesis 8:20-22
 6. How is giving an act of worship, not just a financial act? Matthew 2:11 | Phils.4:18
 7. The early Christians gave even in deep poverty. What does that teach you about faith and worship?
 8. What usually motivates your giving—love, faith, fear, habit, or pressure? Be honest.

APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, practice **giving that pleases God**:

- Give something by faith: not what is easy, but what honors God.
- Give something as worship: offer it to God in prayer before you give it.
- Give something in secret: do not tell anyone, only God.

Before you give, pray this:

“Lord, I give this not to impress people, but to honor You.”

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GIVING THE TITHE AS AN ACT OF FAITH

Scripture Reference: Genesis 14:18–20 | Hebrews 7:1–10 | Genesis 28:10–22

Theme: Trusting God with the First and the Best

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. What is the hardest thing for you to trust God with – time, money, future, family, or dreams? Why?
2. When you receive an unexpected provision, what is your first reaction – relief, gratitude, fear, or planning? Explain.

Discussion Questions:

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 1. Abraham gave a tithe after victory. What does his action show you about gratitude and trust? Genesis 14:18-20 | Hebrews 7:1-4
 2. Jacob promised a tithe before he was secure. What does that teach you about faith and the future? Genesis 28:20-22 | Hebrews 11:1
 3. How are Abraham’s giving and Jacob’s giving similar, even though their situations were different? Genesis 14:18–20, 28:20-22 | Hebrews 11:6
 4. The sermon said tithing is not about law first, but about trust. Do you agree? Why or why not? Genesis 14:18–20, 28:20-22 | Malachi 3:8-10
 5. What does giving your “first and best” look like in your life right now—not only in money, but also in time and energy? Proverbs 3:9 | Romans 12:1
 6. What fears usually stop you from trusting God fully—fear of lack, fear of failure, or fear of losing control?
 7. The early Christians gave even in poverty. What does their example challenge you to change in your own giving?
 8. If someone asked you, “Why do you give to God?” how would you answer from your heart?

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GIVING AS OBEDIENCE: FROM THE LAW TO CHRIST

Scripture Reference: Leviticus 27:30; Numbers 18:25–28; Deuteronomy 14:22–29; Malachi 3:10–12; Matthew 23:23

Theme: Obedience That Flows from Love

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. When someone gives you instructions, what helps you obey willingly – fear, trust, or relationship? Why?
2. Share a time when you obeyed someone because you loved and respected them, not because you were forced.

Discussion Questions:

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 1. Why do you think God taught Israel to tithe while they were still learning to be His people?
 2. How did tithing under the law support worship, ministry, and the needy?
 3. In Malachi’s time, what was wrong – not the tithe itself – but with the people’s hearts?
 4. God says, “Try Me now in this.” What does this tell you about God’s desire for His people to trust Him?
 5. Among the seven blessings of a tither, which one touches your heart the most? Why?
 6. Jesus said justice, mercy, and faith must go with obedience. How does these three shape the way you give?
 7. Do you obey God more from fear or from love? What would change if you obeyed more out of love?
 8. What does your giving today say about your relationship with God?

APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week, choose one step of **obedient faith**:

- If you are not consistent in giving, begin with a faithful step—small but sincere.
- If you already give, ask God how you can give with more love, not just more amount.
- Each day, pray:
“Lord, teach me to obey You not out of fear, but out of love.”

Next meeting, be ready to share:

How did obeying God with love change your heart this week?

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JESUS' TEACHING ON GIVING

Scripture Reference: Luke 12:31–34; 6:38 | Mark 12:41–44 | Matthew 22:20–22; 23:23

Theme: Giving is not first about money – it is about a heart that belongs to God.

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. What is one gift you received in your life that you will never forget – and why was it so meaningful to you?
2. When you think of the word “giving,” what feeling usually comes first: joy, fear. Pressure, or gratitude? Why do you think that is?

Discussion Questions:

- Group Facilitator – *It is not necessary to use all the questions provided. Select the ones that will stimulate the most response from your Connection Group.*
 1. Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Luke 12:34).
What do your spending and giving habits reveal about what your heart values most right now?
 2. In Luke 6:38, Jesus teaches that giving opens the flow of God’s provision.
How have you seen God provide for you when you chose to trust Him with generosity?
 3. The widow in Mark 12 gave out of her poverty, not her abundance.
What would sacrificial giving look like in your own life—not in amount, but in surrender?
 4. Jesus did not praise the biggest amount—He praised the biggest trust.
What is something you hold tightly that God may be asking you to trust Him with?
 5. Jesus said to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God (Matthew 22:21).
In your life, how do you show that God truly comes first, not just in words but in practice?

6. Matthew 23:23 shows that Jesus affirmed tithing but corrected heartless religion.

How can you guard your heart so that your giving never becomes mechanical or empty?

7. The sermon said:

Generous giving says: “God is my source.”

Sacrificial giving says: “God is my security.”

Faithful giving says: “God is my Lord.”

Which of these do you need to grow in most right now, and why?

8. Giving is not about pressure, fear, or control—it is about devotion, faith, love, and obedience.

What is one practical step you will take this week to express your love for God through generosity?

APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This week do not focus on how much you give – focus on why you give.

1. Examine your heart.

Set aside a quiet moment and ask the Lord:

“God, what do You want my giving to say about You?”

Look honestly at your habits. Do they show trust, love, and devotion—or fear and control?

2. Practice intentional generosity.

Choose one act of giving that costs you something:

- Give time when you are tired.
- Give money when it requires faith.
- Give help when it is inconvenient.

Do it quietly, joyfully, and as an act of worship to God.

3. Put God first on purpose.

Before you spend on yourself this week, honor God first—whether through tithes, offerings, or helping someone in need.

Let your actions say: “God, You are my source, my security, and my Lord.”

4. Reflect and testify.

At the end of the week, ask yourself:

How did giving change my heart?

What did it teach me about trusting God?

Be ready to share next CG how God met you when you chose to give from the heart.

Because true giving is not measured by what leaves your hand—
It is measured by what grows in your heart.

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PAUL'S TEACHING ON GIVING

Scripture Reference: 2 Corinthians 8-9 | Psalm 112

Theme: Giving is not first about money – it is about the heart that belongs to God.

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. When you hear the word giving, what feeling usually comes to your heart – joy, fear, pressure, or peace? Why do you think that is?
2. Share one example (big or small) of a time when giving brought joy or a blessing to your life.

Discussion Questions:

- Group Facilitator – *It is not necessary to use all the questions provided. Select the ones that will stimulate the most response from your Connection Group.*
 1. Paul teaches that New Testament giving is driven by grace, not pressure.
How does this change the way you personally view giving? 2 Cor.8:1-5
 2. Paul encouraged believers to give regularly and intentionally, not emotionally or randomly.
What does “planned giving” reveal about a person’s trust in God?
 3. The sermon emphasized that giving first is an act of faith, not leftovers.
What does giving “first” communicate about who we trust as our source?
Prov.3:9; Psalm 112:1-3
 4. Paul said, “Believers gave according to their ability.”
Why is it important not to compare our giving with others? 2 Cor. 8:3; Mark 12:41-44
 5. The Macedonian believers gave joyfully, even in poverty.
What makes giving sacrificial, and why does God value the heart more than the amount? 2 Cor. 8:1–9
 6. The sermon clarified that grace does not cancel obedience – it deepens it.

How does understanding grace correctly help us obey God joyfully instead of reluctantly? 2 Cor. 9:6-8; John 14:15

7. Paul's teaching shows different expressions of giving: tithing, offering, and sacrifice.

Which area do you find easiest, and which area stretches your faith the most? Why?

8. The sermon said, the real question is not "How much do you give?" but "Does your giving reflect trust in God? "

What is one practical step you can take this week to grow in faithful and joyful giving? Psalm 112:7-9; Acts 20:35

APPLICATION CHALLENGE

One Week of Trust

This week, focus on **trusting God**, not on amounts.

1. Pause and Pray

Take a short time this week to pray and say:

"Lord, You are my source. Help me trust You."

Ask God to show you if your giving comes from **faith or fear**.

2. Take One Simple Action

Choose **one** action to do this week:

- Set aside your giving **first**, not last
- Give regularly, not only when reminded
- Give with joy, not pressure

Do not compare yourself with others.

Do what God puts in your heart.

3. Watch Your Heart

During the week, notice how you feel when you think about giving:

- Fear?
- Peace?
- Joy?

Bring those feelings to God in prayer.

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