

## Worshiping Together

### CONNECT TOGETHER:

10 minutes

**Host Tip:** If your group is unable to work through the entire session, we have recommended on question or activity with an asterisk (\*) in each section of the study.

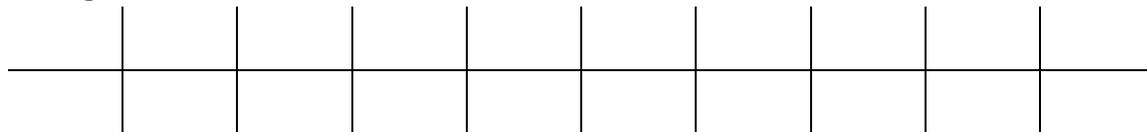
1. \* Check in about the progress of your group’s ministry plans that you discussed last week.

2. Would anyone like to tell about an answer to prayer?

3. How would your friends rate you on the generosity meter?

**Scrooge**

**Mother Teresa**



### GROW TOGETHER

40 minutes:

#### MEMORY VERSE

*“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

**John 13:35 NKJV**

Watch the Session video now and fill in the blanks in the session one outline. Refer back to the outline during your discussion time.

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### Six Practical Reasons for Giving

1. Giving makes me more like \_\_\_\_\_.

*“God so loved the world that He gave...” **John 3:16** NIV*

2. Giving draws me \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” **Matthew 6:21** NIV*

3. Giving is the antidote to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them... to be generous and willing to share. In this way ... they may take hold of the life that is truly life. **1 Timothy 6:17-19** NIV*

4. Giving strengthens my \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Bring the whole tithe to the storehouse... Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessings that you will not have room enough for it!” **Malachi 3:10** NIV*

5. Giving is an investment for \_\_\_\_\_.

*Give happily to those in need, always being ready to share ... whatever God has given you. By doing this, you will be string up real treasure for yourself in heaven – it is the only safe investment for eternity. **1 Timothy 6:18-19** LB*

6. Giving blesses me in \_\_\_\_\_.

*A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. **Proverbs 11:25** NIV*

*There is more happiness in giving than in receiving. **Acts 20:35** NJB*

## Four Attitudes for Giving

1. Giving blesses me in \_\_\_\_\_.

*For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. **2 Corinthians 8:12** NIV*

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion. **2 Corinthians 9:7** NIV*

2. Give \_\_\_\_\_.

*How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? **Psalms 116:12** NIV*

*Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. **1 Chronicles 29:14** NIV*

3. Give \_\_\_\_\_.

*God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7** NIV*

4. Give \_\_\_\_\_.

*Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **2 Corinthians 9:6** NIV*

*Just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving. **2 Corinthians 8:7** NIV*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. \* Take a few minutes to share what your relationships in this group have meant to you.
2. What are some practical way you can demonstrate your gratitude to God?
3. Jesus said it is better to give than receive. Share about a time you found this to be true in your own life. How did giving make you feel?
4. Why do you think generosity is so important to God?

## **SERVE TOGETHER**

10 minutes

1. \* In this session we've talked about giving financially. But another way for us to give is through the use of our time. What can you do to continue serving your church together as a group?
2. One person in your group who has seen a need and seized the opportunity to meet it is your small group host. His or her leadership in your group has provided an example of using one's gifts to serve others. Take a few minutes to affirm your host. Focus on the character qualities, gifts, and talents he or she brings to your group. Thank your host for all of his or her hard work.

## **SHARE TOGETHER**

10 minutes

1. \* We want to encourage you to continue to develop the purpose of evangelism in your small group life. We pray your project will be the starting point of a lifestyle of service for your group and for you as an individual. Our hope is that you will look back after these forty days and not say, "Look what we did," but rather say, "Look what we started!" What can your group do to continue reaching out to your community with the love of Jesus Christ?
2. Pastor Tim would love to hear about your small group's ministry outreach projects. Please email your stories to [angela53080@gmail.com](mailto:angela53080@gmail.com). Thanks!

## **WORSHIP TOGETHER**

10 minutes

1. \* What has been the most important lesson you have learned through the 6 Weeks of Community study? Have each member of the group share something that has been meaningful to him or her. Then offer prayers of thanks together for what God has done in your lives.
2. Close your time together by praying for each other's prayer requests. Recognize and celebrate any answered prayers from previous weeks. Record your prayer requests on the Life Group Prayer and Praise Report.

## **BEFORE YOU LEAVE**

If you are planning to share your life group outreach story during your church's celebration service, take a few minutes to work out the details of your presentation.

We encourage you to have a party or picnic together – a time to focus on fellowship and celebrate what God has done throughout the last several weeks. This gathering is also a good opportunity to bring friends who might want to join your small group. It gives potential group members a non-threatening environment in which to get acquainted with the rest of you. Talk about this with your group: Set a date, time, and location, and decide what kind of food you will have.

If you have not done so, take time now to talk about your future together as a life group. Where will you go from here? If you plan to continue meeting together, when and where will you meet? What will you study? Is there anything you want to do differently in your group life? If you need help with study content please speak with Pastor Tim for assistance.