

Guide for Growth Group Hosts

Live Generously (You Were Made For This)

THINK ABOUT IT

What impacted you the most from the message this week? Share it with the group.

MAIN GROWTH GROUP SCRIPTURE

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” **Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)**

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

- What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself? What is one practical way that you can put this into action this week?
- (Read the Verse Below) There is a link between love and giving. God gave us the perfect example in this verse. Why is it sometimes difficult for us to give to others?

God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son.... **John 3:16 (CEV)**

- (Read the Verse Below) God wants us to use our resources to be a blessing to others. What resources do you have (not just limited to money) and how can you use those resources to benefit someone else?

Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home. **Luke 16:9 (NLT)**

- (Read the Verse Below) God wants you to be generous with your Time **and** Talents **and** Treasures. We should use all three in our generosity to others. Which of these do you find the easiest to give? Which of these do you find the most difficult to give? Why?
- (Read the Verse Below) What recurring theme do you see in these verses?

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop... God loves people who love to give... God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others... For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous...

Excerpts: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NLT/CEV)

- (Read the Verse Below) It's important that we do for one what we wish we could do for everyone as opposed to doing nothing because we can't help everyone. What could you do for one person or group of people to make an impact in their life?

...You will harvest what you plant... Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up. We should help people whenever we can, especially if they are followers of the Lord. Galatians 6:7-10 (CEV)

- How can you use your time and talents and treasures to make an eternal difference? Think about this for a moment then share it with the group.
- God is often speaking to us about putting our generosity into action. In what area do you feel God leading you to be more generous (time, talents, treasures)? How can you use generosity to impact someone this week?

I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Philemon 6 (NLT)

LIFE APPLICATION

On a piece of paper or on your smartphone, write the name of one person or group that you want to be generous to. Next, list all the possible ways that you could use your time, talents and treasures to help that person/group. Lastly, pick one of the things from the list that you will do this week and share it with the group.

DIVE DEEPER

Go deeper during the week!

- A great way to dive deeper and learn more about Jesus is by reading **God's Word** daily. Commit to reading for at least 5 minutes per day to start. Here is a bible reading guide to help you take your next steps in that area: <https://experienceheritage.org/next-steps/read-the-bible>
- Read the **daily devotionals** each day found at www.experienceheritage.org/blog. You can sign up to have them delivered daily to your email inbox by clicking here: <http://experienceheritage.org/Devotionals>.
- During your daily quiet time with God, read this **memory verse** and think about its meaning:

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

- Watch the messages online at www.experienceheritage.org/messages.

PRAYER GUIDANCE

Pray for everyone in the group to use their time, talents and treasures to impact someone else. Pray that each person would be sensitive to God's nudging to assist others.