



DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss this weekend's sermon while building relationships with each other and applying God's Word to our lives.

Week of August 24, 2025

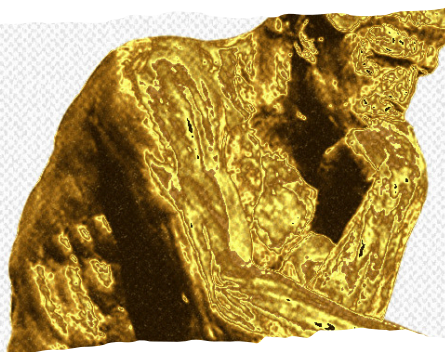
GETTING STARTED

- What's the most awkward or over-the-top thing you ever did to impress someone when you were younger? (Feel free to be as honest or dramatic as you'd like!)
- Why do you think we sometimes go "above and beyond" in giving gifts or gestures... even if they aren't always received the way we hoped?

DIGGING INTO SCRIPTURE (Read Aloud 2 Corinthians 8:6-12)

- According to Paul, giving is a grace. How does that differ from how we usually talk or think about generosity?
- What do you think it means to "participate in God's redemptive rhythm" through giving?
- Have you ever given out of guilt, pressure, or to earn favor with God or others? What was the result?
- Why do we tend to compare our generosity to others', especially financially?
- How does that challenge or affirm your current approach to generosity?
- Read Luke 21:1–4 (The Widow's Offering).
- What do you notice about the widow's heart? What made her offering so meaningful to Jesus?

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- What kinds of things stir your heart to give or serve? Sermons? Stories? Social media?
- Have you ever started something (a giving plan, serving role, or act of kindness) but didn't follow through? What got in the way?
- What would it look like for you (or your family) to take a similar step?

HONEST REFLECTION-The 3 R's

(Let's look at how we can put this into practice now. Choose one of the 3 R's below to reflect and act on this week.)

1. Reconnect Your Giving to God's Grace

How can you make your giving more about responding to the gospel and less about obligation?

2. Release What's in Your Hands Today

What do you currently have—time, talents, or treasure—that God might be asking you to release?

3. Reignite What You've Stalled

Is there a commitment (financial or otherwise) that you started but never finished? What step can you take this week to follow through?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray through one of the following:

- For hearts that give from grace, not guilt
- For trust in God over fear of lack
- For faithfulness to follow through on what God starts in us

Next week: We'll be in Week 3 of Grace & Gold.

Please plan ahead by reading 2 Corinthians 8:13-15

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