

LifeGroup Discussion | Disciples, Not Donors | Week of 9/28

Main Passage: 1 Corinthians 16:1–4

Supporting Passages: *Matthew 23:23, Hebrews 10:24–25, Matthew 6:21, 1 Peter 4:10, Luke 16:11, 1 Corinthians 4:1–2*

Culture Code Emphasis: *Presence > Preference*

Main Idea/Question: How does our giving reveal whether we live as donors or as disciples?

Before LifeGroup

- Review your LifeGroup Values.
- Ask yourself: *Which on-ramp (Porch Talk, Living Room, After Glow) best reflects the needs of our group this week?*
- Start discussion in that section, adjusting week to week as needed.

On-Ramps

- **Porch Talk** — casual conversation over food/interactions.
- **Living Room** — deeper discussion for those who heard the sermon.
- **After Glow** — extended reflection, follow-up texts, or deeper conversations after group time.

PORCH TALK (casual discussion over food or interactions)

- What did you hear on Sunday?
- Did you learn anything new?
- Do you have any questions or was there anything you didn't understand?
- How can we take what we've discussed into our week?
- How can I be praying or holding you accountable in response to what you heard?

Anchor Verse: Matthew 6:21 — “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Reflective Passages: *Matthew 6:19–24, Acts 2:42–45, Acts 4:32–34, Luke 21:1–4, 2 Corinthians 9:6–8*

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LIVING ROOM (deeper discussion for those who heard the sermon)

Read: 1 Corinthians 16:1–4

Brief Context: Paul gives practical instruction for the Corinthian church on regular, intentional giving to support believers in need.

Say: Paul shows us giving isn't about fundraising—it's about discipleship and trust.

Ask: Why do you think Paul wanted their giving to be regular, intentional, and not impulsive? How do our rhythms of giving shape our trust in God?

Supporting Passages: Acts 2:42–45; Hebrews 10:24–25

Read: 1 Corinthians 16:2 — “each one of you”

Brief Context: Paul calls everyone to participate—not just a few generous donors.

Say: Generosity is measured not by equal amounts, but by equal participation.

Ask: Why is it important that generosity is personal, not passive? How does it change a church community when everyone has “skin in the game”?

Supporting Passages: Acts 4:32–34; Matthew 6:24

Read: 1 Corinthians 16:2 — “as he may prosper”

Brief Context: Giving is proportional—not about comparison, but about faithfulness with what God has entrusted to us.

Say: Jesus praised the widow's offering because it was sacrificial, not because it was large. God sees proportion, not pretense.

Ask: How do we guard against giving for show instead of giving from faith? What does proportional generosity look like in your life right now?

Supporting Passages: *Luke 21:1–4; Matthew 23:23; 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Read: 1 Corinthians 16:3–4

Context: Paul ensured that giving was stewarded with accountability and integrity.

Say: God cares not just about what is given but how it is stewarded. Integrity in handling resources builds trust in the mission.

Ask: Why is accountability in finances so important for the church? How does it build trust for discipleship and mission?

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AFTER GLOW (deeper reflection or follow-up conversations)

Read: 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

Say: God loves cheerful givers—those who give not grudgingly but with joy, trusting Him as Provider.

- **Ask:** What story is your giving telling right now—one of casual tipping or one of discipleship and trust?

Read: Matthew 6:19–24

Say: Jesus reminds us that we can't serve both God and money. Our giving is one of the ways we declare who we trust most.

- **Ask:** How does giving retrain your heart to trust God more deeply?

Theologian Quote:

“God isn't fundraising—He's forming disciples.” — Sermon quote

Follow-Up & Challenge

- Share one way you feel challenged to grow in generosity this week.
- Pray for one another to give intentionally, personally, proportionally, and with integrity.
- **Challenge:** Reflect on your giving rhythm. Ask: *Is it intentional? Is it personal? Is it proportional? Is it accountable?* Identify one step of obedience you can take this week.

Reflection Verse for the Week:

2 Corinthians 9:7 — “Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

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