

DNA GUIDE

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ESSENTIALS

WEEK 3: To Give Is Human

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to read through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
2. What Has God Done (how do I see God's character in action here)?
3. Who Am I (How does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What Do I Do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8 + 9

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week's sermon, consider these questions together:

1. Are you tithing? Why or why not?
2. If generosity is a mark of our own commitment to the gospel, what does your generosity reveal about your belief in the Gospel?
3. Paul says in 2 Cor. 8:13-15 that our abundance should provide for other people's lack. How do you feel about that? Does it bother or convict you? Encourage you?

4. In 2 Cor. 9:12-15, Paul connects our generosity to God's glory. What kind of God do you think you are bearing witness to when it comes to how you use your money?

During this time, let each person share how or where they need to repent and believe the truth of God revealed to them in Jesus. You may need to guide each other to what is true of God and ourselves in light of what Jesus has done. For instance, someone may be experiencing a great deal of dryness or emptiness in their relationship with God. They may need to be reminded that God wants to satisfy the deep thirst of their soul with the living water that Jesus has to offer. The call to repent may look like turning away (repent) from empty sources or corrupt sources that they have been depending up and turning to Jesus (believe) to be the unending supply of soul water. Use this time for confessing out loud the wrong sources and calling out in prayer for God the Father to pour His love into their hearts through his Spirit as they turn to Jesus for help.

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

Consider these questions:

1. How will you make a plan for your sacrificial generosity this week?
2. How will you cultivate greater love of and commitment to the Gospel this week, specifically in the area of God's generosity to you?
3. This week, how will you cultivate a greater love for your neighbor so that you can be joyfully generous to them?
4. This week, pay attention to the ways in which you represent (or bear witness about) God with respect to your money.

QUESTION: What will you DO and who will you TELL about what God has done?