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BIG IDEA SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Small groups that focus on the Big Idea for the week can use this guide to apply the message to life and take action. Feel free to use whatever parts of this guide best fit your group personality and time frame. Do NOT feel like you have to use every question. All verses, unless otherwise noted, are from the New International Version (NIV).

03.20/21.10 // Invested ^ Resource Preparations for Launch

BiG iDEA: Sacrifice for the sake of souls who need salvation.

// Ice Breaker _____

Option 1: Think of a time when you sacrificed something because of love

For example: school, exercise, saving for retirement, house, vacation, etc

Option 2: Besides God/Church, what is something that you're "invested" in (all in) – it can be time, talent or treasure – and now you have a "vested" interest in it (you care about it)?

// Questions for Discussion _____

Giving Is An Investment In Eternity

1. Read Luke 12:21

Jesus told a story about a rich man who stored up plenty of wealth, and figured he could live easy because he was secure. But it didn't matter because he died, and lost it all. Jesus said, "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

What was the real issue with the rich man storing up wealth for himself?

What does it mean to be "rich" toward God?

2. Read Matthew 6:20

"Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal."
(NLT)

What happens to what we try to store up here on earth?

What are some ways to store your treasures in heaven?

3. BiG iDEA: Sacrifice for the sake of souls who need salvation.

Why is it important for us to sacrifice?

Who sacrificed for us to be at Southpoint now?

Besides money, what did those who started Southpoint sacrifice?

Giving Breaks The Grip Of Materialism

4. Read Deuteronomy 8: 17 - 18

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth....

Why does God warn us about having this self-sufficient attitude?

Have the group share what abilities God has given them to help make a living.

5. **God doesn't need your money, so what does He want from you?
What are some practical ways to give that do not include money?**

Giving Draws Me Closer To God

6. **Read Matthew 6:21**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Why is giving more of a heart issue than an "amount" issue?

Why do you grow closer to whatever you invest in or give to?

What would be some ways to protect against society's temptations to put money ahead of God?

7. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ...Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

What are some ways that God can bless you and make your "rich"?

Giving Makes Me More Like Jesus

8. **Read John 3:16**

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

What did God sacrifice for us?

What do you see will result in the future from our sacrifice now?

Giving Strengthens And Proves The Reality Of My Faith

9. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:13**

Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

How is giving give evidence of faith?

How do you think giving strengthens our faith?

// **Application** _____

Read and commit to memory Matthew 6:21

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Prepare for the special offering for the Allen Park Launch next weekend. Get alone with God and pray about it. Include the kids, encourage them to give a special gift too.

// **Prayer** _____

**For the Allen Park campus special offering this coming weekend.
For the friends and relatives that we will invite to the Easter Services.**



*Only one life, 'twill soon be past;
Only what's done for Christ will last*

Launch To Do List

- ✓ *Pray Daily*
- ✓ *Participate in a BiG iDEA Group*
- ✓ *Attend Allen Park meetings*
- ✓ *Bring a special offering/commitment.*
- ✓ *Serve on the Launch Team*