SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of June 18-24, 2023 "HONORING GOD WITH OUR WEALTH"

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Have you ever had the "lotto conversation"? If you were given P100 million, what would you do with it?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-21

- 1. What prompts David to offer his prayer of praise and thanksgiving in 1 Chronicles 29:10-16? How does this reflect his understanding of God's greatness and sovereignty? What are some specific aspects of God's character that David acknowledges in his prayer?
- 2. Share your observations on the role of leadership in inspiring and facilitating generosity, as demonstrated by King David. How can Christian leaders (e.g. business leaders, professionals, parents, ministers, student leaders, etc.) today encourage and mobilize others to participate in acts of generous giving and service?
- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. The people of Israel gave willingly and with a joyful heart. What does it mean for a person to be a cheerful giver? What would this look like in your life?
- 4. How important are money and wealth for you? The sermon reminds us that the criteria that we base our financial decisions says a lot about how much hold money has on us. Do you have criteria that you use for making financial decisions? If you do, what is it? If you don't, why?
- 5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9. How does the example of the Macedonian churches challenge our modern understanding of wealth, possessions, and generosity? What are some things that can hinder our ability to embrace a generous lifestyle?
- 6. Application. Assess your current financial habits, practices and lifestyle choices. What adjustments do you need to make to align your spending, saving, and giving with an understanding that you are a steward and not an owner?

7. Application. Consider the role of intentionality and mindfulness in honoring God. How can you cultivate a daily practice of consciously seeking to honor God in all aspects of your life?

8. NEXT STEPS

We are to honor God with everything that we have.

- ☐ I will surrender all aspects of my finances to God's guidance and direction.
- ☐ I will seek to make wise financial choices that align with God's will and bring honor to his name.
- ☐ I will use my money and resources to advance God's kingdom and bless those in need.
- ☐ I will cultivate a deeper connection with God daily through prayer and a stronger reliance on his grace and mercy.

Don't forget to:

- ☐ Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- ☐ Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to <u>pray for one another</u>. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a transformed heart that seeks to honor God with your money, recognizing his ownership over all your resources.
- Pray for wisdom to make wise financial choices that is aligned with God's will.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

June 19 1 Timothy 1

June 20 1 Timothy 2

June 21 1 Timothy 3

June 22 1 Timothy 4

June 23 1 Timothy 5

June 24 1 Chronicles 29

June 25 Revelations 2:1-7