

LifeGroup Study Sheet

Jan 19th – Living The Blessed Life

This guide is designed to help you prepare for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything this week that really stood out to you? Was there anything that was brand new to you or something God made very clear to you this week?

Introduction

Pastor Jeff shared the story of his daughter’s friends throwing Sarah a surprise birthday party. The friends were so excited to give her the party, even more so than Sarah was when receiving the gifts and the party.

1. Can you remember a time where you were more blessed, excited, and joyful to give something than you were when receiving something?

2. Why do you think this was?

Digging In**Read Acts 20:35**

1. Why do you think it is difficult for you to believe this verse? How does the context of what is happening in the passage help you understand this verse better? (v.32-34)
2. Pastor Jeff asked the question, **“Why is it more blessed to give than receive?”** He gave 4 different points that we will look at individually.

Read the passage and write down how this passage helps you understand the principle of giving.

- a. Giving reveals a Jesus life (**Matthew 28:20**)
 - b. Giving reveals a transformed life (**Luke 19:8**)
 - c. Giving reveals an obedient life (**Proverbs 3:9**)
 - d. Giving reveals a purposeful life (**1 Timothy 6:17-19**)
3. **Read Malachi 1:6-10.** The priests were offering to God not their best, but their leftovers. They thought that since they were giving to God what the law required, God would still bless them (v.9)
 - a. Have you ever thought or practiced the same thing?
 - b. How have you given God your leftovers instead of your best?

c. How does this passage show us God is after our hearts?

4. How does the current handling of your resources make it clear that God is central in your life?

Taking it Home

1. Proverbs 22:9 says, "Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor." Write down a few practical ways you can be generous this week.
2. If you could summarize one action step God is impressing on you from this week's message, what would it be?

Praise / Prayer Requests

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