



Week: Giving & Serving

Date: Mar. 28, 2021

Scripture: Deuteronomy 15:1-11

Big Idea: God calls us to live open-handedly, especially toward the poor and needy. We shouldn't rely on the government or systems to save them, we should willingly give, share and serve so that God blesses them through us and, we too will be blessed.

Video: <https://youtu.be/rCAICETT1UM>

Preparation: Mom and/or dad, take time to prepare well for this spiritual experience with your son or daughter and perhaps their friends. Proper preparation includes reading through this guide, setting up a comfortable environment, preparing the videos, materials (*everyone will need a Bible, pen and notebook/journal*) and snacks, and prayer. It also includes giving your participants time to prepare as well. Let them know in advance what you want to do and then remind them a few minutes before your start time so that they are ready too.

Interactive game / activity

- In-Person, Online & @Home: [How Many Travis Scott Meals?](#)
 - Travis Scott is a famous rapper you may have heard of. He has SERVED the people of this world so well by partnering with McDonalds to offer to us all The Travis Scott meal. The Travis Scott Meal is the best deal in fast food history! For \$6 you get a ¼ pounder with cheese and bacon, a sprite, and fries with bbq sauce. In this game your guessing skills will be put to the test as you try to determine how many Travis Scott Meal's certain things will cost. Good luck!
 - Click [HERE](#) to play the game using this YouTube video. <https://youtu.be/qLW6mPEcDDY>

Activity Debrief: (This would be a good time to pass out snacks)

- Where is your favorite fast food place to eat? What is your favorite fast food item?

Video Teaching: Habitudes – Giving and Serving

"We are wrapping up our series Habitudes today. Here is the truth, God calls us to live open-handedly, especially toward the poor and needy. We shouldn't rely on the government or systems to save them. We should willingly give, share, and serve so that God blesses them through us and, we too, will be blessed. We are talking about Giving and Serving today as we conclude our series, Habitudes."

Play the video [HERE](#)



Ice Breakers:

- When was the last time you served someone or a group of people?

Discussion Starters:

- Why do you think our culture has a hard time with giving and serving others? What do you think this says about our culture today?
- Giving and serving those in need were an expected and normal part of life in Biblical times. How do you think your life would be different if you chose to make this a normal part of your day to day life as well?

Scripture: Read 1 John 3:14-18 as a group and consider the questions below.

¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. ¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Digging Deeper:

- How does the passage assure us that we have moved into new life in Jesus? (Hint: verse 14, death to life because we love each other)
- What does this passage tell us about knowing what true love is? (Hint: verse 16)
- How does the passage encourage and implore us to respond to true love? (Hint: verse 17)
- According to the passage, how are we to go about loving others? (Hint: verse 18)

Application:

- We seem to be quick to love people with, “words or speech” but often struggle to love in tangible ways. Why do you think we often struggle to love people with, “actions and in truth”?
- How can we encourage each other to love others tangibly, not just with our words?
- Who can you give to this week or serve this week? How can you give and serve in truth and in actions, not just with your words? What are you going to do for this person / group of people this week?



Closing activity & prayer: choose 1 of the following options for the whole group together.

- SINGING: Sing [More Like Jesus](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UN-YqD913nM) by Passion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UN-YqD913nM>
- JOURNALING: Take some time and be honest with yourself in reflection. Who can you serve this week? Who can you give of your time or resources to this week to help meet a tangible need? How can you better love your friends or family by serving them tomorrow? Think this through, and then write down the names of people you could be better giving to or serving this week. Then next to their name, write down how you are going to do it / what need you are going to help meet when you give or serve.
- SCRIPTURE: Meditate on, memorize, and make this verse your prayer: Galatians 5:13
 - *“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”*
- PRAYING: Close your group time in prayer for one another. Share prayer requests and assign partners to pray for one another throughout the week.