



Grace Givers | Week 2

1. Catch Up On Life:

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

- Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?
- What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2. Review the Mission:

People:

- Reactive - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve, and build relationships with this group?

Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

Pray: Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

3. Sermon Discussion:

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)

Primary Passage: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Related Passage: 2 Corinthians 8, Ephesians 2:8-9

Read and Recap: Have someone read **2 Corinthians 9:6-15** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon. What stood out to you from the scripture or sermon? Why?

- What has your relationship with money been like throughout your life? Do you feel equipped to steward your resources well, or are you struggling to keep up?
- Do you have any fear or anxieties about your current financial situation? What are they?
- From the sermon, which of the five reasons for Christian generosity was the most compelling to you? How so?
- What resistances do you still have in regards to what the Bible says about living generously? What areas of your life still seem like obstacles to living more generously?

In the sermon we outlined four next-steps to moving towards living a life of gospel-centered generosity.

1. Sign up for recurring giving to support what God is doing through our local church family
2. Sign up to take the Personal Finance Seminar
3. Give towards this year's giv projects
4. Sign up to serve with one of our STC partners over STC weekend happening in January

- In what ways (these four or others) are you already living a life of generosity? Which of these four next-steps do you still need to take? How can we help?

Pray that our church family would be a family that responds generously to the needs of those around us.

Pray that the Spirit would change our hearts to love giving our finances to partner with what He is doing in our church family.

4. Engage the Heart:

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

- What sinful thoughts or habits have you seen in yourself this week? What false beliefs about God does this reveal in yourself? What truth does the gospel share in response?
- What are you struggling to trust God with this week? How can you give God control of it?
- Is there anything you're not sharing that you need to share?

Pray: James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins in prayer and pray for each other.