



## Life Group Guide

Sunday, November 12, 2017

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## COMMUNITY...

*Sharing our hearts and lives with each other so we become good friends.*

**ROOMS!** What room in your home do you like best? Why? Like the least? Why?

**PARENTS!** In what one way are you most like your mom? Dad?

## DISCIPLESHIP...

*Becoming more like Jesus in our character and skilled at doing life as He did.*

*Helping others come to Jesus, follow Jesus and lead others to follow Jesus also.*

### **Disciple-Maker's Character** (Christ-likeness)

**SPIRIT-FILLED:** choosing to let Jesus live His LIFE in/through me by His Spirit.

-Read John 14-16 & note what Jesus says about the person of the Holy Spirit.

-How does Jesus refer to the Holy Spirit? What does this say about Him (Spirit)?

-In Jn. 16:7, Jesus said it was to the disciples' advantage that He go away. Explain this.

-What is the Spirit's relationship to Jesus (16:14-15)? What's His relationship to you?

### **Disciple-Maker's Competencies** (Life Skills)

**DISCIPLING:** Helping a new Christ-follower grow in Christ & disciple others.

**Organizational:** Gathering to the church to make disciples through church's ministries & programs. Group discipleship led by ministry leaders, driven by events and classes.

**Organic:** Scattering from the church to make disciple makers through relational, intentional huddling of groups of 3-4 people. Life on life discipleship led by a discipler and is driven by relationships of encouragement, accountability and challenge/action.

### **Accountability & Prayer** Break into smaller groups (men & women)

*Creating a safe environment to be vulnerable, honest & accountable to each other.*

-Share one thing you want the group to pray for you this week. Pray for each other.

## MISSIONAL LIVING...

*Encouraging each other to serve people inside and outside the walls of Rockpoint.*

**Living as Fishers of Men:** Share who you are praying for where you live, work & play that our Father would bring to personally trust Jesus to save and change their lives.

**Rockpoint Missionary:** Pray for your Rockpoint missionary.

# **Sermon Discussion** *Use the following application questions from the sermon.*

**Big Idea:** The giving of the poor Macedonian believers provides an illustration of what it means to boldly give, which again illustrates that our message of transformation and hope in Christ is true.

## **BOLD — Giving from a Heart of Grace**

### **1. Give graciously (8:1, 2)      Read 2 Cor. 9:8-11**

-What do you think it means to give graciously? Give an example.

### **2. Give joyfully (8:2)      Read 2 Cor. 9:6-7**

-How do you think the Macedonians were able to give so joyfully the little they had?

-Why does our Father want us to give joyfully not dutifully? What's the difference?

### **3. Give generously (8:2)      Read 2 Cor. 9:10,11; 1 Tim. 6:17-19**

-How do you know if you are giving generously?

-Is generous giving more easily done if giving a 'percentage' or a 'proportion'?

### **4. Give Sacrificially (8:2-3)**

*Luke 21:1 – 4 “Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, ‘Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.’”*

-What is sacrificial giving to you? How do you know if you're giving sacrificially?

### **5. Give willingly (8:3,4)      Read 2 Cor. 8:12; 9:7**

-What are evidences of giving willingly? What are the evidences of giving unwillingly?

### **6. Give eagerly (8:4)      Read 2 Cor. 9:7; Malachi 3:10**

-Why is eager giving important? What does it say about your relationship to money?

### **7. Give unexpectedly (8:5a)      Read Pr. 11:24-25**

-When was a time you saw someone give unexpectedly? Why was it unexpected?

### **8. Give submissively (8:5)      Read 1 Cor. 16:2**

-Who are you to submit to in your giving? Why? Why is this hard?

## **TAKE AWAYS...**

-Which of these Giving Principles is most needed in you life right now? Explain.

-What 1 thing will you DO THIS WEEK differently because of one of these principles?