

# GIVE

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The following is an outline that is helpful for teaching the command of Jesus to give.

## PART ONE Looking back



## PRAYER



Begin the time in prayer together.

# ACCOUNTABILITY



Ask questions about commitments that were made.  
For example, ask:

- Did you share the gospel or the story from last time with anyone?
- Did you take steps to intentionally love others?
- Did you read or listen to the Bible daily?
- How did you obey what God taught you?
- Do you have any prayer requests or stories you would like to share?

**PART TWO**  
**Looking up**



# STUDY



Teach about the command of Jesus to give by studying the Bible together. First read a time when Jesus gave the command and discuss a true story which illustrates what obeying the command can be like.

Luke 6:37-38:

“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Jesus commands that his followers give. He also promises that someone who gives freely will be given an abundance.

## Mark 12:41-44:

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

After reading the story, review the story in one of these ways:

- Tell the story from memory.
- Talk about the story. What happened?
- Tell or read the story again.
- Do a drama illustrating the story.
- Draw pictures illustrating the story.

After reviewing the story, discuss the following questions based on the story:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about man?
- What should we not do?
- What should we do?

After discussing these generic questions, the following may be helpful for this specific story.

Discuss the following:

- What should we give for God's purposes?  
We should give our money, our time, and our lives for God's purposes.
- Why should we give for God's purposes?  
Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. We should give cheerfully and generously for God's purposes. Giving is an act of faith which glorifies God, and God loves a cheerful giver.
- How do we give for God's purposes?  
Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. We should give for God's purposes cheerfully, not under compulsion. Read Matthew 6:1-4. We should

give secretly, not for recognition from other people.

- Who do we give to?

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9:15. If desired, also read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, Galatians 2:9-10, and Romans 15:25-32. A collection was taken up from the church to be used as support for poor followers of Jesus in Jerusalem. Read Acts 4:32-37. All was held in common, and the church gave to each as any had need.

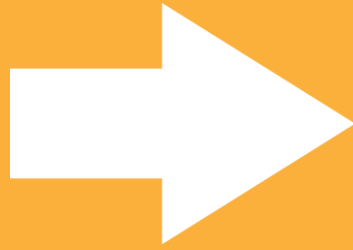
## PRACTICE



Teach how to take up a collection together, and do it. Discuss together how to use the money to advance God's purposes.

# PART THREE

## Looking ahead



## COMMITMENT



Discuss what to obey from the story and the command of Jesus. Some ways to obey before meeting next are:

- Give your time and money for God's purposes through the church regularly.
- Share the story (Mark 12:41-44), your story, and God's story with other people.
- Intentionally love other people.
- Study the Bible and pray every day.

# PRAYER



Close the time in prayer together.  
Pray for the commitments everyone made.



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