

This is a Discussion Guide based upon CRBC sermons. The questions provided below are for Home Group Leaders to utilize in facilitating discussions with their group. Home Group Leaders are encouraged to take these questions, re-arrange them, omit as required, add as required and change as required in order to best create a close Christian family that feels safe and secure to be open about their lives and their Christian walk. Please tailor as necessary based upon your leadership style and group dynamics.

I am not “married” to this product and I would love any critiques, questions, comments, etc... in order to make this product better for you and your group. Please feel free to email me (Michael Griffin) at airforce_griffin@yahoo.com

ICE BREAKER:

What is your favorite lunch?

SCRIPTURE:

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

John 3:16

James 1:17

Matthew 7:11

Acts 17:25

Proverbs 3:9

1 Corinthians 16:2

Exodus 23:19

Malachi 3:10

Mark 12:41-44

Matthew 16:24

Acts 5:1-11

QUESTIONS:

- LEADERS, BEFORE THE MEETING TAKE A LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE, “Abilene church pays off over \$1.5 million of community’s medical debt”
(<https://www.bigcountryhomepage.com/news/web-exclusive/abilene-church-pays-off-over-1-5-million-of-communitys-medical-debt/>)
- Read a synopsis of the article to your group: What does this do for the cause of Christ? Imagine if you had several thousand or hundreds of thousands in medical debt because your child had a major medical issue like cancer and on top of dealing with that you were at wits end on how you were going to pay for it. Then out of nowhere, a church rolls in and says, “we got this, take care of your child.” How would that make you feel?
- Now imagine if every church in America stepped up and worked to alleviate financial crisis like these in their community. How would that change our society?

- On any given Sunday, there is roughly 1500 people coming CRBC. If only 1000 of those people gave \$100 a month, CRBC would bring in \$100,000 a month, \$1.2 million in a year. Granted, some of that money would have to go towards the running of the church but imagine how CRBC could change our community by doing things like the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Abilene, TX.
- Why would Pastor Rick say, "This is my least favorite sermon to preach because I always feel like people tune you out when you begin to talk about money."? Why does Pastor Rick feel anxious money in a sermon?
- How do you feel when the pastor starts talking about money from the pulpit, honestly?
- What did Pastor Rick mean when he said, "If you want to learn to give, realize God is the greatest giver."?
- Mark 12:41-44, what do these verses mean to you? How does this fit with Pastor Rick's statement, "Giving is a priority, not an afterthought?"
- Why did Pastor Rick say, "Giving is a true test."? How does giving mean I am denying self? Read Matthew 16:24
- What is the difference between giving out of guilt or compulsion versus giving out of a thankful heart?
- Read Acts 4:32-37: Is this too radical for you? Why?
- Read Acts 5:1-11: What did Ananias and Sapphira do wrong? They gave generously to the growing church but were still punished. Why? How do these versus truly make you feel? Do you feel like it was unfair what happened to Ananias and Sapphira? Why did Peter say, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord?"
- Have you ever felt the call to give to someone? What was that like? How did it make you feel?