

Giving in Worship Worship—It's what You were Made for
Life Group Questions May 20,2018

1. Do you generally tend to think of yourself more as a generous person or a cautious person? If you are married, are you and your spouse different in this regard or similar?

2. God demands our allegiance and love. The first commandment of the Ten Commandments is "You shall have no other gods before me. Read Matthew 6:19-21. Jesus says where our treasure is our heart is also. One of the pervading idols in our world is the god of money and material goods. How do we see this in the world? What kind of pull does that have on your heart (hardly at all, moderate, a real struggle)?

3. What instruction on giving have you had in your life? What effect has that had? How has the message on worship through giving challenged what you have previously been taught?

4. We stated the following reasons for why we should give to God: it expresses love and devotion, gratitude, a sense of stewardship, trust in God's provision, supporting ministry, and helping others. While all of these are important reasons for giving, are there one or two reasons that are more significant for you at this time in your life?

5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-7. What speaks most to you from these verses?

6. We spoke about principles of giving. These included: it is enabled by grace, it is generous, voluntary, a priority, sacrificial, and reflects a total commitment to God. Of these are there any that are reflective of you? Are any of these areas you need to address?