

## **LIFE GROUP SERMON QUESTIONS**

### **Service and Sacrifice**

**November 4 and 5 with Pastor Clancy**

#### **Ice Breaker:**

You're on a trip and really want a doughnut. What kind are you going to pick up and why? In your opinion, who has the best doughnuts?

#### **Big Idea:**

Jesus made this promise; "My Father will honor the one who serves me." To serve the Lord, each home in our church family must set up a firm foundation and clear biblical fundamentals.

#### **Quick Review:**

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

#### **My Story:**

- An essential part of stewardship is taking an account of all that we have been given. Grab a sheet of paper and write down as many things as you can think of so that you can thank the Lord because he has provided it for you. Share the top 5-10 things that you wrote on your list with the group.

#### **Digging Deeper:**

1. God being our source of life means that everything we have flows *from* Him! Every aspect of our lives is a gift given to us by God. As you read the following verses, what do these passages teach us about God's Character? Which one stands out to you about God's provision, and why?

#### **Matthew 7:9-11 NIV**

*9 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"*

#### **1 Chronicles 29:14-16 NIV**

*14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. 15 We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. 16 Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you."*

#### **2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV**

*8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

***Psalm 23:1-6 NIV***

*1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.*

*2 He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters,*

*3 he refreshes my soul.*

*He guides me along the right paths  
for his name's sake.*

*4 Even though I walk  
through the darkest valley,*

*I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

*5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.*

*You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.*

*6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
forever.*

- Talk about a time when you have seen God's provision in your life. How did that impact your faith? Your family?
- How could this truth – that God is our source of life – be an encouragement to a friend or fellow believer?

2. Below are five principles for a united household on the topic of stewardship. Read over them and then answer the following questions:

- ❖ Acknowledge God as your source of Life.
- ❖ Thank Him daily for His provision.
- ❖ Be humble and acknowledge your limitations.
- ❖ Adopt the right mindset.
- ❖ Follow a set plan that unites your home.

- Which of these five principles do you find the most natural for you or your family? Which is the most challenging? Why?
- Looking back through this list, which do you hope to take the next step in?

**Take it Home:** What is one thing you are taking away from this weekend's sermon or Life Group? What do you need to put into practice?