

GNCOMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

SERMON SERIES: "GIVE IT UP"

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SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

"IF YOU GIVE UP **GOOD** THINGS IN EXCHANGE FOR **BETTER** THINGS, MORE WILL EXPERIENCE THE **BEST** THINGS."

WARM UP QUESTIONS:

- 🗨️ What would you say are the greatest physical needs in this world?
- 🗨️ Brainstorm together specific things that someone could sell/give up in order to give that money to help people in need of fresh clean water.
- 🗨️ Does anyone know what the difference between the "Good, Better, and Best" is in the Sermon In A Sentence?
- 🗨️ Can anyone explain the premiss and objective of this sermon series, and the included challenge? (Hint: The goal is to sell things to collectively raise at least 20k to give to the Christian non-profit, "Design Outreach")
- 🗨️ Can you think of an example in your life where you or someone you know gave something up for something better?
- 🗨️ Why is it often so hard for us to let go of things in our lives?
- 🗨️ What would your life look like if your family didn't have access to clean, safe, drinking water?

DIVE INTO SCRIPTURE:

Luke 9:23-24 — "Then Jesus said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must **deny** themselves and **take up** their cross daily and **follow** me. For whoever wants to **save** their life will **lose** it, but whoever **loses** their life for me will **save** it."

- 🗨️ How is the principle of “giving things up for something better” a core piece of what it means to follow Jesus?
- 🗨️ Can you think of any biblical examples of people living out this principle?
- 🗨️ Why do you think we tend to hold on so tightly to things like possessions when we know that there are greater needs around us in this world?

Matthew 25:34-40 — ““Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

- 🗨️ What can we learn about Jesus and His heart through this passage?
- 🗨️ If you were _____ (hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick or in prison), how would you want others to treat you?
- 🗨️ How does it strike your heart when Jesus tells us that if we help those in need, that it is as if we are doing it for Jesus?

TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU:

☀️ Will you give up **YOUR THINGS** in exchange for **FRESH WATER** for **MORE PEOPLE** who will then experience the **LIVING WATER**?

🔲 Close in prayer.

MATCHING THEME IDEAS FOR THE KID'S LESSON:

— I'd encourage a worship time if possible (youtube works great {Lifetree Kids & Bible Project}).

— Ask them if they have any things in their life that they need Jesus' help with, and then pray for the requests of the group.

— And feel free to ask any of the kids if they'd like to say a prayer for the group.

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Ask the kiddos questions like:

- What could you give up and sell so that you could give that money to help people who don't have safe, clean, drinking water?
- How is Jesus our living water, which is greater than the water that we drink?

Lesson Connected Activity:

- Have the kids write down their list of ideas on a piece of paper.