

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

This is one of the most counterintuitive teachings of Jesus: “It is better to give than to receive.” It’s not found anywhere in the gospels. It’s something that Paul attributes to Jesus. In fact, it was so important to Paul that he remembered these words from Jesus in everything he did (Acts 20:34). This Christmas season it’s important to remember that it is better to give than to receive.

READ ACTS 20:17-38

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is the best gift you have ever received? Can you remember a favorite gift that you've given someone else?

None of us would rather have to pay a bill for \$500 than receive a bonus for \$500. How can having less possibly be better than having more?

Fewer than 10% of American Christians regularly tithe, but over 30% claim they do.

What does this tell us about the state of the church in America?

What hinders you from being able to give more freely? What step(s) could you take to make giving more of a priority in your life?

APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage of Scripture?

In light of what you've experienced, how are you going to be different in the future?