



Discussion
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“GREATER”

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The Point:

GOD IS GREATER; *Our Job is to Worship*

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our “antennae up”, to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you as we wrap up this Point series?

*****Watch *The Treasure Principle Video* Session 4: The Joy of Giving, before continuing with the following questions based on that video.*****

The [Video] Review

- The fifth key to the treasure principle says, “Giving is the only antidote to materialism.” Have you seen this work in your life? If so how? What risks come with giving? What’s on the line for us when we give?
- Salvation includes submission to God’s authority, and that means giving up our story so that we can participate in His. How would you describe your personal story up to this point in your life? What are you living for?

The Reflection

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the video

- What did you think of Randy's argument that we need to practice giving to get good at it? What does the idea of practice mean for how much we give?
- The real-life story illustrated the sixth key of the treasure principle: "God prospers me, not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving." In what ways has God made you rich? How could you use those riches to bless others?
- Read Genesis 12:3. What is God calling Abraham (and his descendants) to do? What's the goal?
- Read Philippians 2:1–11. What is Paul getting at when he says, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves"? Is he arguing for a mindset change only? If not, what actions does he expect with this shift in priorities?
- What does "looking to the interests of others" look like in practice? How does Randy's teaching on giving away our blessings connect?
- Read John 1:11 and Romans 5:8. What kind of thanks did Jesus receive for His gift? Ultimately, according to Philippians 2, what is the result of Jesus' faithful giving of Himself in obedience to God? What is His future reward? Who gets the final glory?
- Close in prayer by asking God for His grace to help you grow in your giving habits—this is a big step! Ask Him what he wants you to write on your *Offer* Commitment Card. Once you have determined that amount, commit to giving each month for the next 6 months. Then record each time He comes through on the back of that card!

The References

Main Passage: Exodus 25:2 (NIV)

"Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give."

Genesis 12:3 (NLT)

"I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

Philippians 2:1-11 (NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 1:11 (NLT)

He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.

Romans 5:8 (NIV)

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.