

SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"WHERE IS YOUR HEART?" AUGUST 20 & 21

SERIES OVERVIEW:

Too often we view the Laws or Commandments of God as if God is angry with us, pointing His finger at us and saying, "You better behave or I'm gonna getcha!" But is this the tone of the Commandments? What are God's heart intentions in giving us the Commandments? We believe God has given us His Commandments so that the life we live would be filled with joy, full, and satisfying, as we bring Him honor and care for His creation. How do we do this? Easy, just Love God and Love people. Maybe not so easy.

*Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc.
Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.*

1

OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE:

About 2 minutes

Ask a volunteer to open in prayer.

2

BIG IDEA:

A minute to read

The 7th Commandment can sound like it's just a moral/ethical issue... stealing is bad, don't do it. But, like all the Commandments, it's really a heart issue. Stealing comes from a heart that doesn't trust God's promise to provide for His people. To get at the root, we have to see God for who He is: a Father who lovingly provides all we need. When we understand God's generosity, then not only do we not want to take *from* others, but we want to extend that same generosity *to* them. We're called to give, to make sure that others have what they need. In fact, maybe God's providence for someone else comes through us.


3

INTRO QUESTION:

About 10 minutes


Share High's/Low's in your life recently. How did you see God at work in these moments?

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[Jesus said,] "Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."
- Matthew 6:21 NLT

Reflect 

Read the full passage in your Bible - Matthew 6:19-34.

What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit highlighting from the scripture reading?

What might be God's invitation to you in this?

What might be God's challenge to you in this?

How might God be calling you to respond?
Be curious...and then do it.

4

SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

About 40-45 minutes

Share a story of when God provided for you in unexpected ways. Take this time to celebrate His faithfulness.

Why do you think we worry about provisions? How would you know when enough was enough?

How does our comparison to others impact our view of provisions? For example how would spending time in a multi-Billionaire's home, impact your perspective of what you have? How would it be impacted by spending time in a third world country? What do you think your good Heavenly Father would say to you?

Read also Ephesians 4:17-32. What do you have that you can share with those in need?



DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

Can you say more about that?

How have you seen that play out in your life?

What does that stir up in you?

Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?

What might God be inviting you to do?

5 CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

About 10 minutes

Reflect on the Scripture Card Prayer Prompt individually.

The leader or apprentice will open in prayer and allow a time for "popcorn" prayer from group members. The leader or apprentice will close the prayer.

TAKE IT DEEPER



Pray

Start with a few minutes of reflection, inviting God to show you your heart and specifically where your treasure is. Be honest in prayer with whatever bubbles up.

Talk to God about how you're really doing with trusting him to provide.

Thank God for his extravagant generosity toward you.

Live It Out

Make a donation this week to a local organization that helps those in need (ask your campus what organization they partner with). Donate cash, or food, or clothing, or take it a step further and donate your time. Pray with thanksgiving that God has blessed you by providing for your needs and ask that he would give you joy in providing for the needs of others.

6

LIVE IT OUT:

About 2 minutes

Read the "Live It Out" section and invite the group to take the steps noted. Discuss the experience the next time the group gathers.