



# GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

## BREAKING THE ICE

Are you a cash, credit or debit card type of person?

If you could give \$1,000 away, who or where would you give the money?

## MAIN CONTENT



Over the last few weeks, we've been in a series called "Gifted," where we've been discussing how God has gifted us with our time, talents and treasures.

1. What has God revealed to you about where you can use your time and talents for Him and His church in the last few weeks?

2. What is your next step inviting God to use your time and talents for Him and the church?

This week, Pastor Kevin spoke about using our treasures for God, that our heart is tied to where our treasure lies. Our treasures are the things God has trusted us with, including our finances.

God is the number one giver of all gifts. He is a thoughtful and intentional gift giver. He gives good gifts. The gifts He entrusts us with are owned by Him and He allows us to steward those gifts and we steward those gifts by managing the resources He has given us in His way.

3. What gifts do you feel God has let you steward for Him in your life? How have you stewarded those gifts for God?

4. How does a lack or surplus of money affect your life?

In the message, Pastor Kevin shared a John Wesley quote, "Earn all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can."



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Earning money is not a bad thing, it's what you do with the money that counts. When we have the mindset that God owns everything, including our bank accounts, we can use our finances to further what His plans are for us and the people we come in contact with.

Choose a few scriptures to read aloud about God being the owner of all of our resources:

Exodus 19:5, Deuteronomy 10:14, Job 41:1, Psalm 24:1, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 1 Corinthians 7:23, 1 Timothy 6:7

5. How do you use your financial resources for God? If you haven't been able to use your financial resources for God, how would you like to?

John Wesley also said to save all you can; essentially don't waste your money on frivolous things.

6. Are you a spender or a saver? If you are a spender, what do you spend most of your money on?

It's easy to get wrapped up in spending, especially this time of year when we see all the things we think we need for Christmas. Needing things isn't a bad thing, but when we put our trust in the things the world offers, we can rob God of a potential blessing He has for us.

7. Do you struggle with deciphering a need versus a want? How hard is it for you to tell yourself "no" to a want?

Pastor Kevin gave us a mantra to use, "I can admire it, but I don't have to acquire it." When we live simply, we can still admire things. It's okay to admire something and to need things. God knows we do need things but putting your trust in those things to satisfy your soul will never work.

When we live simply it gives us the opportunity to be generous in our giving. When we give all we can, it breaks the back of greed in our lives.



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8. When have you been blessed by a spontaneous, generous gift in your life?

Giving generously is a great way to live our lives. When we give (from our finances), it shows that our trust is not in our belongings but in a God who can do immeasurably more than we can think or imagine. We can choose to watch others give or we can trust in God and participate in giving of our finances to help further His kingdom.

9. How much do you trust God with using your time, talents and treasures (specifically, your finances) to further His kingdom?



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## PRAYER

God, you are the giver of all things. Thank you for the gifts you have given us with our time, talent and treasures. Help us know where we can be generous with those gifts. Help us to trust that letting go of what we have will only open up more for you to bring into our lives. In Jesus name, Amen.

## ACTION STEP

This week Pastor Kevin talked about giving 1% more. Whether you give 10%, 5% or 0% now, pray about giving 1% more and trust that God will be your provider.

Ask God where you can give generously this season and find a person, organization or cause to give generously to those who need it most.