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Teaching the Spiritual Disciplines of Generosity in New and Emerging Faith Communities

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Introducing a Community to Stewardship

- Inviting people into the graceful work of God
- Funds development is people development



58% of NWC participants are under the age of 41.

78% of NWC participants are under the age of 56.



45% of participants in new worshiping communities are people of color

Asian 10% African/African American 18% Hispanic 16%

Middle Eastern 2% Native American 2% Multiracial 3%



How will your participants respond to requests to give?

- 15% do not claim a Christian faith
- 21% are de-churched Christians



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What Power Does Money Hold Over Us?

- Money is one of the “principalities and powers”
- “No human system can account for the level of influence money possesses.”
- Money represents power and security and independence

Community Practices



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- Hospitality
- Gratitude
- Generosity
- Shared sacrifice

Individual practices



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- Simplicity
- Margin

Leadership practice



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- Testimony



Hospitality



Philoxenia – love of strangers.

Living thoughtfully and generously toward others to ensure they feel welcome, included, and loved.

Opportunities to receive



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What options are there in offering hospitality in community gatherings/interactions?

See how many you can name.

Gratitude



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“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you.” (1 Thes 5:18)



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True gratitude comes from realizing that you have been given something you didn't deserve, that you didn't earn, that the giver was not obligated to give.

Generosity



The Christian life is a generous life - simply expressing that which has already been received.



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Jesus on Generosity



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“He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. (Luke 10:34)

Guided imagination



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How many ways can you think of to be generous as you go about your day?

Shared sacrifice



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“For, as I can testify, (the Macedonians) voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints.” (2Cor 8:3-4)



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Shared Sacrifice



People may join a community for what they can get, but they stay for what they can give.

Testimony



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Proclaiming the vision of the community
from the front

Reminding people why the community exists
and how God is inhabiting it.

Sharing stories of change and transformation accomplished through
community action

Inviting testimonies from those whose lives have been changed by
their experiences in the surrounding community.



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Testimony

Tell the story of how Jesus became real to you.

Tell the story of a meaningful moment you experienced in your community.

Tell the story about how people in your community blessed you.

Tell the story about how you have blessed others in your community.

Tell the story about the best thing your community does for the world outside of itself.