

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Grace & Generosity | "Proof of Generosity: Grace at Work" | Pastor Dave Levesque Jr
Monday, Nov. 2 - Sunday, Nov. 9 (Week 8)

Emphasis for the Month: Faithfulness in the Small Things

As relationships deepen, groups often face the mid-semester slump. Continue to show up faithfully, pray for one another, and engage even when life gets busy. Faithfulness builds trust, and trust builds disciples. Growth doesn't happen in spurts but in steady rhythms. Stay faithful to meeting, praying, and showing up - even on the ordinary weeks. God often does His deepest work in consistency. Thank you so much for your faithfulness!

ICE BREAKER: Share a time when you received an unexpected act of generosity. How did it make you feel, and how did it impact your view of generosity?

CAB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. We hope you will join us every Tuesday at 6:30 PM for our weekly prayer gathering.
2. **Covenant Members of Church at Bergen** - Mark your calendars for Friday, Dec. 5th @ 7PM for a special Worship & Vision night. You won't want to miss it!
3. This Christmas, we're once again partnering with Families for Families to bless families in need across Passaic and Bergen County. Last year we gave gifts to 126 children, this year our goal is 156! Starting next week, grab an ornament from the Giving Tree in the lobby, scan the QR code to register your tag number, then wrap your gift, attach the ornament, and bring it back by November 30. If you have any questions, please contact Damaris Tabares - damaris.tabares@churchatbergen.org
4. PrimeTimer's (50+) - Join us for a Christmas Dinner, Saturday December 6 at 6 PM in Mangiamo Pizza Restaurant & Catering in Paramus. Price: \$25 per person includes pizza, salad, sides of sausage, meatballs, and wings; pitchers of soda. Please email info@churchatbergen.org to sign-up no later than Wednesday November 26. If you have any questions, reach out to Kris Rienstra - kgrienstra@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR DISCUSSION: Leader or Co-Leader prays for the discussion time. Pray that The Holy Spirit would assist in the conversing, processing, and listening of the discussion.

SERMON DISCUSSION TIME: Have someone read this week's scripture from 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5, and then this sermon summary to jog everyone's memory:

What does it mean to truly live out grace in our daily lives? Pastor Dave unpacked how grace transforms generosity through the lens of 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5. Drawing from Paul's instruction to the Corinthian church, he reveals three vital ways grace manifests: through integrity that reflects God's trustworthiness, love that moves beyond mere words into action, and faithful follow-through that completes what grace begins. Using relatable examples from a high-tech rental car's backup camera to loading a dishwasher, Pastor Dave illustrates how grace isn't just about good intentions - it demands tangible expression. At the heart of it all stands the gospel, where Jesus became poor so we might become rich, modeling the ultimate act of grace.



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His compelling call challenges us to let grace shape not just our giving, but our entire approach to handling God's gifts with integrity, expressing genuine love through service, and following through on Spirit-led promptings. The message culminates in an urgent reminder that grace-filled generosity isn't about dollars, but discipleship - a transformative force that, when fully embraced, causes the church to shine and brings glory to Christ.

QUESTION #1 - The sermon emphasized that integrity is worship. Can you think of a situation where your integrity was tested? How did you respond, and what did you learn from that experience?

QUESTION #2 - The sermon mentioned that love is proven through action. Reflect on a time when you showed love (or someone showed love to you!) through a specific action. How did it affect your relationship with that person?

QUESTION #3 - Discuss a commitment or promise you made that you struggled to follow through on. What were the obstacles, and how did you address them?

QUESTION #4 - How has the grace of Jesus transformed your life? In what ways do you see that grace moving you to act with integrity, love, and follow-through?

QUESTION #5 - Share an area in your life where you find it difficult to act with integrity, love, or follow-through. What fears or challenges do you face, and how can the group pray for you?

PRAY TOGETHER: Spend time taking **and recording** prayer requests and then pray together as a group (*I strongly encourage you to send out the prayer requests weekly to your group to keep everyone informed and in the loop on how to pray for one another throughout the week. This also makes it easier to check-in with people who have shared requests to see how the Lord has been working in their lives*).



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