

Cultivate Discussion Guide

INVITED ... To Give Hope
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If you missed this weekend's message, view it at cultivate.sc/discussion

Tips for leaders:

- Prepare for your group. Your goal is to choose the questions that will lead your group into REAL conversation about the topics most meaningful to you. It's okay if you don't answer them all!
 - To help everyone follow along, ask them to print the Discussion Guide or pull it up on their phone.
 - If questions remain unanswered, encourage women to work through them as they cultivate God's word on their own throughout the week.
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Cultivate Joy: "And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy!" Matthew 2:9-10
NLT

The same guiding force that led the wisemen to baby Jesus goes before us every day leading us into our Father's presence so that we can be filled with joy. **What does it look like for you to cultivate joy in this season? Is it a byproduct of holiday festivities or do you have to be intentional in seeking joy?**

Cultivate Love: Pastor Matt shared the different languages of love from the book *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman – physical touch, acts of service, gift giving, quality time and words of affirmation.

#1: Which of the love languages do you most identify with? Explain what about that particular language makes you feel most loved, cared for or valued.

How should I give? Thoughtfully. Cheerfully. Regularly.

#2: Would you describe yourself a cheerful giver – whether it be giving tangible things, finances or even giving your time and energy – or would you assign another adjective (reluctant, fearful, obligated, doubtful, etc.)?

#3: What has most shaped your attitude toward giving – eg. your upbringing, personality, ability (means, finances), church culture, etc.?

Why We Should Tithe:

- Abraham started it
- Moses commanded it
- God blesses it
- Jesus affirms it

Pastor Matt outlined how scripture reflects God's purpose and plan for tithing, but he also encouraged us that tithing helps us to keep God first in our life and protects us against guilt and manipulation.

#4: Share one thing you learned about the emphasis God places on tithing.

- **How were you challenged or encouraged in your current giving practice or ideas about giving?**

#5: Has the way you give changed the way you live? Share how the way you give – whatever that might look like in this season – helps you keep God first in your life.

Cultivate Prayer: Break into partners. Share where you are finding joy this season and where you would like to cultivate more joy. Pray for your heart, your attitude or even your circumstances asking God to help you to find the joy you seek in the presence of our Mighty King.