



DISCUSSION GUIDE

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PREPARE

We hope that this discussion guide will help you decide how you can help God build His church at Grace city and in your own life. Use this guide to help facilitate discussions this week with your family or friends about the BUILD YOUR CHURCH initiative and the commitment you plan to make during commitment weekend - April 10.

PREPARE THE DISCUSSION

Pick a time when you can have a discussion this week before commitment weekend. If you're single, schedule time with a trusted friend or two to discuss your commitment. If you live with your family, schedule a time when the entire family can come together and discuss your commitment. Ask your friends and family for their input, including questions and suggestions. Block off 30 minutes to an hour for focused discussion and minimize distractions that could come up. If you're leading the discussion with your family, review the discussion guide in advance and be ready to challenge each family member to think of sacrifices they can make in order to give courageously, consistently and creatively.

MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT

Bring your completed commitment card with you to Grace City on commitment weekend - April 10, and make sure to be at Grace City on April 24th, where we'll announce the totals for the BUILD YOUR CHURCH initiative and celebrate our Spring Fling.

I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. - Jesus



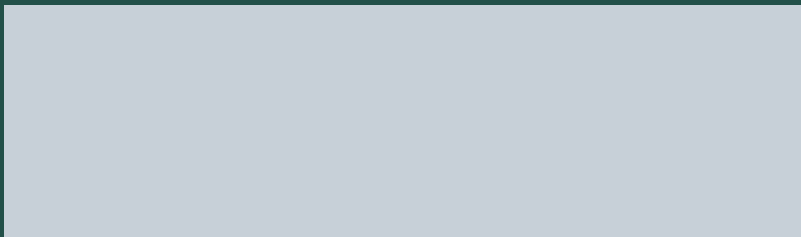
1. Pray

Pray for this discussion. Ask God to help you focus on and commit to how you can be a part of helping build God's church through Grace City. Thank God for all that he is doing at Grace City and ask him for direction as you prepare to make a commitment to the BUILD YOUR CHURCH initiative.

2. Recap

Ask each other what you've been learning so far through the BUILD YOUR CHURCH initiative at Grace City – from services, vision events, prayer, groups, and any other way.

Write down what you've been learning through the initiative:



3. Read

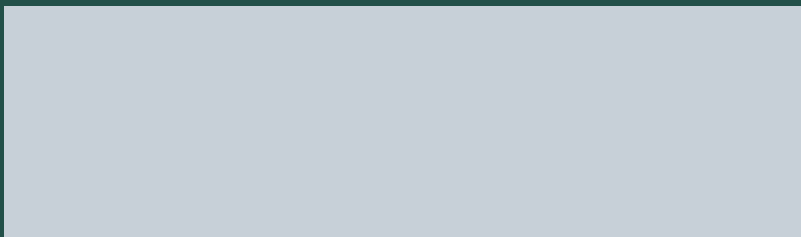
Read the following scripture passages aloud. After each passage, ask, "what does God teach us about giving through these verses?"

Proverbs 3:9-10

Proverbs 11:24-25

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Write down your thoughts below:



4. Discuss

Discuss sacrifices and lifestyle changes that you could make in order to give to the BUILD YOUR CHURCH initiative. Be sure to include any and all ideas!

Remember the three ways you can give:

- **courageously** - giving the largest gift you have ever given on April 10th
- **consistently** - give regularly (above normal giving) through April 2024
- **creatively** - giving things other than money - think real estate, stocks, cars, etc.

Spend some time asking God for direction in each of these areas. List some ideas below:



5. Compare

Compare God's principles for giving with the ideas you brainstormed. Add additional suggestions that anyone offers.

6. Commit

Decide what and how you will give and write it down on your family's commitment card. Bring your card to Grace City on commitment weekend – April 10.

7. Closing

Close in a prayer of commitment, asking God to provide for you as you step out in faith and commit to being a part of the BUILD YOUR CHURCH initiative for the next 25 months. Pray for the people whose lives will be changed as a result of the build your church initiative.