



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

In Minnesota, your garage is designed for your car. What is the most unusual thing that shares this space with, or has banished your car(s)?

1. How does it make you feel when you hear a message on giving? Why do you think this is?
2. Pastor Tom quoted Ron Blue as writing that “A life story could be written from a checking account” (or credit card/debit card statements). If this were all your descendants had to go on, what would they learn about you and your priorities by reviewing this information?
3. Read [2 Corinthians 8:1-5](#). The Apostle Paul was utterly amazed at how and why the Macedonian church gave. What amazes you most about their motives and generosity and what impact does that have on your attitude towards giving?
4. Pastor Tom spoke of the difference between giving out of a sense of duty and generosity that flows out of loving gratitude to Christ. Do you give out of a sense of duty, obligation, or guilt, or does your giving flow from gratitude and love for Christ? What’s one step that will move your giving in the right direction?
5. Read [2 Corinthians 8:6-7](#). Throughout his message, Pastor Tom spoke of the “grace of giving.” What does this mean to you and how will you carry out the call of Scripture to “excel in the grace of giving”?

Day One: [Luke 6](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 50](#)

Day Three: [Galatians 5](#)

Day Four: [Revelation 7](#)

Day Five: [Ecclesiastes 8](#)

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PERSONAL GUIDE



RIVERSIDE CHURCH



MULTIPLY

“MULTIPLIED GENEROSITY”
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(note [2 Corinthians 8:1](#))

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