

DISCIPLESHIP COLLECTIVE '26

Stewardship



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Welcome:

Welcome to the Discipleship Collective '26

The Discipleship Collective is a shared invitation from Hope Covenant Church to intentionally grow as whole people—formed in heart, soul, mind, and strength. Each pathway offers a focused season of discipleship, inviting you to slow down, lean in, and engage practices that shape us more fully into the life God desires for us.

While each pathway explores a unique area of growth, they all share the same purpose: to create space for transformation through intentional rhythms, meaningful reflection, and a supportive community. Whether this is your first step or your next step, we're glad you're here.

We pray this season draws you closer to God, deepens your faith, and equips you to live out your calling with clarity and joy.

Avenue 1:

Giving Challenge: A 40-Day Life-Changing Journey to Give Like Jesus

- This video series was used as part of our fall 2025 Formation Hour curriculum but maybe you missed it or want to review it!
- From Right Now Media: "Join Zach Zehnder for Giving Challenge, a 40-day journey designed to help you grow in generosity—just like Jesus. Through powerful teaching, inspiring stories, and real-life challenges, this series explores five key ways we can give like Jesus: happily, eternally, abundantly, regularly, and today. Along the way, you'll discover more joy than you ever thought possible."
- If you do not yet have access to RightNow Media through Hope, email hope@hopecovenant.org, and we can grant you access! to the videos!



[Watch the Series Trailer](#)



[Giving Challenge:
Journey to Give Like
Jesus Study Guide](#)

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Avenue 2:

Listen:

- What's in Your Hand: Stewardship Matters Podcast by Scott Thomas ChFC
- Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 6:19-24, Topic: Generosity by Sermon by Pastor Brian Zahasky
- The Stewardship Project: How do you define Stewardship? (14 min.) It gives a good discussion around Christian stewardship.



What's in Your
Hand:
Stewardship
Matters
Podcast



PB's Sermon on
Sermon on the
Mount



The Stewardship
Project Podcast

Avenue 3:

Read Scripture:

- To Reveal God's Likeness in Us. God so loved that God gave. God gives us the Holy Spirit who moves us to give with glad hearts, to give just as God gives. When we give, we allow the Holy Spirit to transform us from within to help us take on the very nature of Christ. Through us, God reveals the reality of himself to the world—loving by giving. Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children (EPHESIANS 5:1).
- To Grow in Our Dependence on God. God promises to care for us more than the birds of the air or the lilies of the field (Matthew 6:28-34). When we stretch our faith through giving, we experience his care for us and our faith grows stronger. We learn that our dependence is not on ourselves or our ability to produce, but our dependence is upon our God. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2 CORINTHIANS 9:8).
- To Join Jesus in the Work He Is Doing in the World through the Church. The body of Christ makes it possible for the many to do what individuals cannot do alone. In covenant with the Lord and with one another, we commit gifts and invest resources for God's work in the world. As Covenanters we pledge ourselves to the Evangelical Covenant Church as our primary ministry arm of mission in the world. To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up (EPHESIANS 4:12).
- To Share the Giving Love of a Living Savior. Giving and loving are never separate in the Bible. Nor are they separated in the life of a disciple of Christ. Behind every act of Christ is an act of giving. This consistent and giving love is a testimony to the reality of Christ's resurrection and life-changing presence, and it continues to be the basis for our mission and ministry efforts everywhere. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another (JOHN 13:35).

- To Grow in Our Understanding That We Are Stewards and Not Owners. God is the source of everything we receive and all our abilities, including our ability to produce wealth. As stewards of God's abundance and grace, we become a channel through which others can share in this abundance. The act of giving breaks the toxic powers of greed and pride in our lives and more deeply connects us with God, the source of every good gift. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth (DEUTERONOMY 8:17-18).

(Reproduced from Covenant brochure, Loving and Giving)

Avenue 4:

Books:

- Master Your Money by Ron Blue



- Ron Blue Institute



- Dave Ramsey's Ramsey Solutions



- Books by Larry Burkett



- Giving of time and talent can be linked to our Service Pathway led by Keith Krueger. He is a great contact if you are looking for ways to share your time and talents.