<u>Level up: Give</u> Small Group Questions

The person who has been at JRC the longest gets to open in prayer and read the first question. (Ties-Rock Paper Scissors) The verses covered in the sermon are given for reference and don't need to be read out loud, unless needed. Go clockwise from this first person to the next person to read the second question etc...until finished. Please feel free to spend as much time or as little time on each question as the group deems appropriate.

Give Money

- 1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.
- ?1. In what ways can this be seen in real life around us?
- ?2. Why might this be the case?
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- ?3. Share a time where you were blessed by giving to someone else or when someone gave to you.

Psalm 37:21 The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.

- ?4. Why is being generous a mark of a righteous person? How does it rightly reflect God's character and actions?
- ?5. How would you explain 'give generously' to a kid? Do you follow your own definition?

Proverb 3:9-10 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

?6. This is not a promise but a word of wisdom. How might this look like in our lives?

Give Love

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

?7 Share a time where giving love has pointed to God. Either given to you or you gave to another.

1 John 4:20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

?8 Why is it more difficult to love people than to love God? What does this verse demand of us?

Give Thanks

Psalm 107:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

?9 How does giving thanks to God help our spiritual lives?

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

?11 What are some difficult circumstances that you have faced and how was the thanks to God articulated? ?12 Giving thanks is God's will!!! So let's close our time in prayer by going around and each person praying a sentence or two of Thanksgiving to God, out loud and one at a time....The woman who has been married the longest gets to start our prayer!