



# IMMANUEL CHURCH

## Discussion Guide: We Thrive November 12, 2017

### Opening Questions:

- Share about a time you were invited to step outside your comfort zone... How'd you feel? What were you afraid of? What did you end up doing?
- Do you think this phrase is true? *You have to let go of what you know if you want to experience what you'll never forget.* Why or why not? Where have you experienced this to be the case in your faith journey?

### Looking at Scripture:

- Read **Psalm 112:4-9...** Over and over again we find a description of or command for Christians to be generous in the Scriptures. Why do you think that's so prevalent? How often do you think about generosity in terms of the benefit for you? Is it really better to give than to receive? Why?
- Look back through the Psalm and spend a few minutes listing out the benefits the writer gives in sharing freely. Which of the things on that list are you most desperate for today? What ways—beside sharing your margin—have you tried to attain it?
- Read **2 Corinthians 9:9-11...** Paul's promise is that God will enrich us and increase our substance, not necessarily our finances. What's that mean to you? What would an enriched life look like tomorrow?
- Read **Malachi 3:10...** The phrase *open the windows of heaven* was last used concerning the flood. Do you think God's promising to flood our lives with blessing when we give to him? What might that practically look like? Is it riches? Is it power? Or fame?

### Application Questions:

- This week's bottom line was **A LOOSE GRIP PROMISES A GOOD LIFE.** What do you sense God nudging you to let go of? What do you have a death grip on that makes you feel secure and safe but is possibly holding you back from something better? What would it take for you to let that go?
- What areas of your life do you see margin in? Maybe it isn't money, but it's clothes or time or talent...how will you keep a more loose grip on those things going forward? How might you help someone else with them?
- Have everyone write a keyword that will remind them of that thing on which they have a death grip, on the palm of their hand with a marker. The word can be code for something so as to keep private things private, but use that as a reminder for a few days to hold on loosely!

*End your time together praying. Ask God to give each of you the strength to let go. Ask him to allow you to experience the good life; the life they'll never forget. But ask him to continue teaching you clearly how to get there.*