

# CITY LG – November 23 - 24, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** Show Me How to Live (Love in Action) • 1 John 3:16-18

**Today's Bottom Line:** Jesus showed us how to give.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Every good and perfect gift is from God.* James 1:17a (NIV)

**Monthly Virtue:** Generosity—Making someone's day by giving something away

## WORSHIP

Chasing Me

We are Royals

### SLIDE: Theme

Hi, everybody! I'm so glad to be here with all of you in The City! This is our last week of talking about generosity.

### SLIDE: Virtue

Remember, generosity is about **making someone's day by giving something away.**

### SLIDE: Theme

Before we go any farther, I have a question for you to talk about. Circle up with your small group and discuss this question: **When has someone been generous and given something to you?** Go ahead and discuss this in your group...

*Large group leader should walk around listening to groups as they answer this. Give them a couple of minutes.*

And we have been talking about how everything good in our lives is a gift from God. It's like our memory verse says *Every good and perfect gift is from God.*

### SLIDE: Memory Verse

### SLIDE: Theme

Today's Bible story is an important idea about how we can be generous. It's found in the book of 1 John and it is actually a letter. It was written by John, who was one of Jesus' closest friends and followers.

In this letter, John was writing to some followers of Jesus who were facing some big problems. There were false teachers who were saying things about Jesus that were just not true! So John wrote this letter to encourage the believers and explain how God had shown amazing love for us by sending Jesus. John also wanted to help these believers understand how we can become more like Jesus as we follow Him. Let's check it out.

### VIDEO: Bible Story

When we follow Jesus, we put love into action. We have the amazing opportunity to give up our lives in big and small ways each day and show a beautiful picture of God's generosity to the world. And we have the very BEST example of that when we remember the way Jesus gave and served others. Stand up for our bottom line.

**VIDEO: Bottom Line**

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

### **Jesus showed us how to give.**

We can 'give up our lives' by living to help other people, and being generous with what we have. The most important thing that we can do every day is to look to Jesus and ask God to help us become more like Jesus.

Jesus showed love by giving His life—in lots of different ways. He was incredibly generous. He put love in action. When Jesus gave up His life on the cross, it was the greatest act of love ever! But Jesus had already been giving up His life every single day as He gave His time and His compassion to meet the needs of the people around Him.

Jesus gave everything for us! And because He gave, He set a great example for us of how we can be generous too. When we keep our eyes open, God can show us ways to give and make a difference for the people around us.

Let's pray and ask God to help us with that.

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus for us. Thank You for the way Jesus showed us what it means to give up our lives for others. Please help us to follow Jesus' example. Help us to see the needs of the people around us . . . and give us wisdom to think of ways we can help. Help us to put Your love in action! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

**CHECK THE TIME: There should be 20-25 minutes for small group. If LG is running late, skip the next part.**

### **OFFERING:**

**SLIDES: Hope Mobility 1-3**

We are raising money for an organization called Hope Mobility. It was founded by Michael Panther who grew up as a child with a disability in Sudan. Hope Mobility collects and distributes wheelchairs in Africa while teaching families and communities to care for and to include people with disabilities. Our focus will be raising money for wheelchairs for kids. Each pediatric wheelchair costs \$275 and we will see how many wheelchairs we can purchase to help kids in Africa!

**SLIDE: Theme**