

Love by GIVING

"I will love others by giving them meaningful gifts"

WORSHIP

- Ice Breaker: *What was the best, monumental and very memorable give you have received in your lifetime? Why was it then?*
- SHARE: *What is the gift you would like to give to your loved ones this day, week or month?*
- Sing a Praise or Worship song (if possible)

WORD: Let's Love by GIVING It...

- Declare:
"I will love others by giving them meaningful gifts"
- A gift is a visual symbol of the love you have for the other.
- The cost, purpose and meaning of the gift do matter, as much as the thought and effort put into giving the gift.
- Gifts may be homemade, bought, or found.
- A single flower given a dozen times will have more meaning than a dozen roses given one time.
- Love is a difficult emotion to express, and a gift is a visual symbol of that love.

#1: GIVE it SACRIFICIALLY

◆ *Matthew 26:6-9 (CEV) ⁶ Jesus was in the town of Bethany, eating at the home of Simon, who had leprosy. ⁷ A woman came in with a bottle of expensive perfume and poured it on Jesus' head. ⁸ But when his disciples saw this, they became angry and complained, "Why such a waste? ⁹ We could have sold this perfume for a lot of money and given it to the poor."*

◆ Gifts that were born out of a person's sacrifice bears more meaning and value to both the giver and receiver.

#2: GIVE it ABUNDANTLY

◆ *Matthew 2:11 (CEV) When the men went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they knelt down and worshiped him. They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and gave them to him.*

◆ Abundant gifts are priceless. When given to the receiver, it communicates importance and value.

#3: GIVE it JOYFULLY

◆ *2 Corinthians 9:7 (CEV) Each of you must make up your own mind about how much to give. But don't feel sorry that you must give and don't feel that you are forced to give. God loves people who love to give.*

◆ God is an unending lover of joyful givers.

◆ Truly generous people are happy people because they are most of the time selfless.

Always Remember: **"God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others."** - 2 Corinthians 9:8 (CEV)

The **Greatest Gift** we can give to others is the gift of love, hope, joy and salvation in Jesus Christ. **SHARE THE GOSPEL!**

WORK

- Fact: We have not come close to reaching our potential for giving.
- SHARE *Won't you pray that we will give as we ought? That we will give for the right motives? That we will give joyously? And that we will give extravagantly?*
- SHARE the Gospel this week through the **GOSPEL CARD**. For Android users, you can download it a play.google.com
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