**EO3- Everyone on 3**

**Gospel Motivated Giving, Part 2- 2 Corinthians 8:6-15; 9:6-15**

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**ARE YOU EXCITED??!!** **Next Sunday is the big day!** The day we make our financial/serving commitments and provide what we need to accomplish our 3 goals. **I want to talk a little about that today but before we do I’d like to invite Becki Branum/Diane Drown to come up.** Thanks ladies! So good! We want to see more of this impact which is why we want to accomplish the 3 Goals of EO3. **Here's what I’d like to accomplish today. Slide 2**

1. Recap EO3- **In case you’ve missed it or didn’t grab a brochure.**
2. Explain Commitment Card- **that you’ll fill out next week.**
3. FINISH Gospel Motivated Giving and look at The Impact of Gospel Motivated Giving, 2 Cor. 8 & 9.

**RECAP EO3: Slide 3 GP’S 3- Point Impact.** This is a “project-focused” financial campaign, not “numbers-focused”. **Meaning, we want you to give as you feel God is directing you to give and we’ll accomplish these goals as God supplies through us.** If you want a rough estimate feel free to ask, but a number is not necessarily what we’re shooting for. **God will show us what He wants to do through how He provides.**

1. **EVERYONE ON 3 RECAP**
2. **3 Point Impact**
3. Create Kids’ Space- update current GraceKids’ area, develop GRACEPOINTE Park/playground, research a building addition. I’ll share more about that at the end; we want to cast a vision for you.
4. Hire a Pastoral Resident- prepare for those who the Lord will bring our way.
5. Prepare for Growth- 5% of what we all commit will go to help launch another campus.

**We’d also like to update the rest of the building, Slide 4 including possibly turning our Quad into our lobby.** Some of this is a change from Week 1 as the LT spent more time brainstorming the future possibilities.

1. **Additional Projects**
2. Update Lobby, Info Center, Café, Rooms 1 & 2, Quad, and Restrooms
3. Update Auditorium- platform, tech booth, lighting, video, and sound system.
4. Add additional parking- **Slide 5** change of location due to Quad/Lobby idea, gives easy access to GraceKids and future new auditorium, and Quad could still be used for events.

**What I’m going to show you next is not currently in our EO3 plan; we’re not saying we’re going to build this in 3 years.** We are planning within EO3 to research the possibility. **HOWEVER, depending on what the LORD lays on our hearts we could see this happen sooner than later. Slide 6** Better view… **Slide 7**

1. **CAST A VISION for Future Growth.**
2. Build a 450-550 seat auditorium east of Quad/Lobby
3. Turn the auditorium into Youth/Kids auditorium space, classrooms, office.
4. Cost is significantly more than EO3 projects, must be ready in 3 years or sooner, Lord willing.

**COMMITMENT CARD. Slide 8 2 IMPORTANT POINTS-** I WILL NOT SEE OR KNOW WHAT YOU’RE GIVING & WE’RE NOT ALL ABOUT MONEY- not for pastors’ personal use, we give, it’s for reaching people.

1. **EXPLAIN COMMITMENT CARD THIS IS OVER AND ABOVE GIVING FROM WHAT YOU CURRENTLY GIVE**
2. **Giving Calculator-** Using $60 because it’s the middle example; feel free to give more than that, $60/week/156 w = $9360, $260/month/36 m = $9360, or $3120/year/3 y = $9360.
3. **Filling Out the Commitment**
4. Write your name in the NAME FIELD- need your name for tax break purposes.
5. CHECK ONE- check if you’re going to give weekly or monthly.
6. **Weekly EX:** We’re going to challenge everyone to do a KICK OFF giving NEXT Sunday so add that to your commitment and that will be your total commitment.
7. **Slide 9 Monthly-** $260, 36 months = 3 years, totals $9360. Add your KICK OFF giving; total commitment.
8. If you want to give YEARLY you do the math. Just cross out one of the others and put that in.
9. **Slide 10 EX:** MEMBERS- 54 member giving units. Individual = 1; couples = 1. If ALL members gave O/A $60/week/3 years = $505,440; that’s not including the RA who faithfully give and those of us who are committing to a higher number!

**Pray about this during the week and come with it filled out next Sunday; we’ll have a time in our service when you can hand them in. Slide 11** OK, let’s finish up what we started last week and look at the IMPACT of GOSPEL MOTIVATED GIVING from 2 Corinthians 8 & 9, pg. 1159. **Slide 12 Last week- TRUTH FOR LIFE: Living out our salvation means we will give sacrificially and eagerly to the work of Christ through our church family.** This week God has Paul finish off this discussion by giving us PAUL’S CHALLENGE, GOD’S COMMAND, and GOD’S PROMISE. **Let’s look at the challenge God has Paul give to the Corinthian Christians/us at GP, vv. 6-15. Slide 13-22** After telling us about the sacrificial/eager giving of the dirt poor Macedonians Paul then challenges the Corinthians/us to FOLLOW THROUGH on our financial commitment.

1. **GOSPEL MOTIVATED GIVING, Part 2**
2. **PAUL'S CHALLENGE- Follow Through! 2 Corinthians 8:6-15**
3. Corinthians Were Challenged to Follow Through on Your Commitment
4. This passage centers around v. 8 and Paul’s use of “sincerity”; gnesios; to be of good character, genuine, or in or terminology- “Be people of your word”.
5. v. 6 They committed a year earlier but hadn’t followed through- they motivated Macedonians.
6. v. 7 Excel in giving as you excel in all other areas of serving; it’s not one or the other- it’s both!
7. v. 9 Imitate Jesus **who kept His word and sacrificed everything** to meet our spiritual need.
8. vv. 11-12 Be responsible- don’t put your family in financial jeopardy, or run up the credit card, but give from what God has blessed you with.
9. v. 13 “equality”- God gives more to those who are to give more- joy in giving.

**Let me apply this to us today.** First let me speak to those who are REGULAR ATTENDERS.

1. We Are Challenged to Follow through with Our Commitments.
2. Regular Attenders- the majority of our church family are regular attenders- 65%; SO THANKFUL you see this church family as your church family; DOUBLE THANK YOU for those who faithfully give; FOLLOW THROUGH on continuing to give, and as the Lord directs give O/A for EO3 projects.
3. Members- 35% of our church family. **Let me give you a little challenge.**
4. You VOLUNTARILY committed to regularly attend, faithfully serve, and sacrificially/cheerfully give- that’s how we state it in the Connect Class.
5. Some members are not **regularly attending**/some are not attending at all. **Why? Concern- a body part left on its own will wither and die.** Stress temps us to isolate/don’t believe the lie. Kim/me.
6. Some members are not **serving** because they aren’t attending or they don’t want to I guess. **Why?**
7. We have **41/54 member units** who gave in the last 6 months- **Why is that not 100%?**
8. I’m not saying this for any benefit of mine, but for all the reasons Paul challenges the Corinthians to give we should be giving, ALL Christians should be giving BUT ESPECIALLY members who gave their word to do so.
9. As Christians, as members, BE SINCERE, KEEP YOUR WORD, FOLLOW THROUGH on your stated commitment to regularly attend, faithfully serve, and sacrificially/cheerfully give, and as the Lord directs give O/A for EO3.

**OK I’ve said enough, I encourage you to prayerfully consider what God’s word says on this. So, for those of us who are desiring to give how much should we give?** Look what GOD COMMANDS from 2 Cor. 9:6-7. **Slide 23-25**

1. **GOD'S COMMAND- Give to Please God Not Others, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**
2. v. 6 Small commitment = small impact/big commitment = big impact.
3. We have all this because people made big commitments in the past, and we’ve seen big impact.
4. Prior to our launch in 2017 people at Fremont campus were giving sacrificially to start a campus in Tiffin.
5. Their sacrifice impacted us as some of that giving was directed to our campus when the opportunity came to restart this church- new paint, tech/audio, carpeting/chairs.
6. Their physical, financial sacrifice helped us see 50 people come to Christ so far, and many others grow spiritually and their sacrifice/financial investment is still paying spiritual dividends today through us!
7. v. 7 Give cheerfully what you’ve committed to God, don’t be frustrated, feel pressured or out of guilt.
8. Don’t worry what others might think of your commitment or do it for the approval of others.
9. God loves a cheerful giver- one who is giving from faith and a desire to please God.

**Here’s the awesome part of all this.** Look at the BIG IMPACT our BIG COMMITMENT will bring. **Slide 26-32**

1. **GOD'S PROMISE- He’ll Provide Financially and Spiritually, 2 Corinthians 9:8-15**
2. v. 8 God will provide for your commitment and everything else you need, including other spiritual growth.
3. v. 10 God will provide the amount He wants you to give, the money to give, and the impact from your giving.
4. v. 11-12 All those connected with this project will give thanks to God for our faithful commitment.
5. v. 13 Those impacted through salvation/spiritual growth will glorify God.
6. v. 14 Those impacted through salvation/spiritual growth will be spiritually connect to us because of God’s SURPASSING GRACE- He’s literally dumping His grace on us.

**THAT’S WHAT I CALL A GOOD ROI- RETURN ON INVESTMENT! We want to provide another touch-point with our community by providing them a place to unwind, relax and enjoy time as a family.** Then when God begins to work in their lives they’ll see GP as a place that cares about them and their needs. **When they walk into the building they’ll see and experience the care 1st hand and Lord willing, respond to the message of God’s grace and salvation.** We also want to be ready for that growth through a pastoral resident who will help teach/train and impact another area of NWO through launching another campus. **As the band comes up let me suggest 2 TAKEAWAYS for you. Slide 33**

**YOU TAKEAWAYS**

1. **Prayerfully consider what God is directing you to give.**
* **Not currently giving?** Take this opportunity to obey, trust God, and grow in faith as you watch Him work.
* EVERYONE who claims to know Jesus as Savior/Lord- determine to take a step of faith, give a little more than your first thought, and watch God fulfill His promises.

**And the 2nd… Slide 34**

1. **Get Your Kids Involved-** use this as a teaching tool to teach your kids what God says about everything being His and giving back cheerfully.Be sure to point out how God is using their gift to impact lives.

**Let’s stand and sing this last song in anticipation of what God will do in/through us.**

**PODCAST:** The Impact of Gospel Motivated Giving, 2 Corinthians 8:6-15; 9:6-15