

THE BIG GIVE



**Group
Discussion
Guide**

Week 3

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four components to a healthy group: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out.

In this guide, we will study 2 Corinthians 1 and Matthew 1 using inductive Bible study, which has three components: observation, interpretation, and application.

As the leader of your group, feel free to use whatever parts of this guide most help you do this!

CONNECT

Take sometime to break the ice and choose one of the questions below.

- Share about a time when someone kept (or didn't keep) an important promise to you.
- Is there a word/phrase to sum up your life in 2023?
- Discipleship check-in:
 - Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
 - Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?

INTRODUCTION

Now that we are in the Christmas season, we will be taking time as a church to look at what it means for our God to be a giver. The Bible talks a lot about God's people being givers, but we will fail at giving if we do not first understand and internalize what it means for Jesus to be a giver. Over the course of the series we will be looking at five ways that God is a giver: life, help, promise, self, and hope.

In week three of the Big Give series we will reflect on what it means for our God to be a giver (and keeper) of promises.

OBSERVATIONS

READ

2 Corinthians 1:12-22

DISCUSS

- What does the passage say about the promise of God (vs. “plans according to the flesh”, v. 17)?

READ

Matthew 1:18-23

DISCUSS

- Summarize the circumstances surrounding Jesus’ birth, and how it “fulfilled what the Lord had spoken by the prophet” (v. 22)

INTERPRETATION

DISCUSS

- What does it mean to behave in the world with simplicity and godly sincerity (v.12)?
- Read verses 18-19. What does it mean that "our word to you has not been Yes and No... but in [Jesus Christ] it is always Yes"?

APPLICATION

DISCUSS

- Is there a promise you've received from God?
- To what/whom are you turning to find a "Yes" to that promise? Is there something or someone other than Jesus you're turning to for that "Yes"?

PRAYER

Praise Jesus that in him all promises of God find their Yes. Pray for faith to utter our Amen to God for his glory.

