

# THE BIG GIVE

Group Guide:  
Week 1

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## 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 Genesis 1:26-31 and Romans 5:12, 18-21 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!

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## CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- What is one of the greatest gifts you have ever received?
  - Be honest. Do you like giving or receiving gifts more?
  - 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?
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## 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 today's study we will be looking at how God is a life giver and what kind of life he created and wants for us.

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## OBSERVATIONS WHAT DOES THE TEXT SAY?

READ: Genesis 1:26-31

DISCUSS:

- Who gives life?
- What kind of life does he create?
- What does God create to steward and create more life alongside him?

READ: Romans 5:12, 18-21

DISCUSS:

- What is the “one trespass led to condemnation for all men” referring to?
  - What is the “one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men” referring to?
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*INTERPRETATION* WHAT DOES THE TEXT MEAN?

DISCUSS:

- What does the life God creates in Genesis speak about his character?
  - What does it mean for humans to be images of God?
  - How would you describe what the Romans passage means by the words sin and death?
  - How would you describe what the Romans passage means by justification and life?
  - How does someone go from sin and death to justification and life?
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*APPLICATION* WHAT DO WE DO NEXT?

DISCUSS:

- In Genesis God gives humanity a life full of beauty, relationship, and food and calls them to rule alongside him. But in return humanity chooses sin and death. Where in your life are you choosing sin and death rather than life?
  - The good news of the gospel is that Jesus gives us life again by giving his own. In return we are called to give life again as we have received life in Christ. How is God calling you to labor alongside him by giving life?
    - How could you give life by providing food and nourishment for your fellow humans?
    - How could you give life by creating beauty and goodness?
    - How could you give life by inviting others to labor for the Kingdom of God alongside you?
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*PRAYER*

Praise Jesus who through his giving up his life gave us life. Pray that each of you would find practical ways to give life this week.