



## Higher Definition 2 – TRUST Discussion & Reflection Guide

### Message & Scripture Discussion

- **What's one of your favorite ways to spend or use your money?**
  - **What stood out to you from Sunday's service?** How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
  - **What words or images come to your mind when you hear the word, "trust?"**
  - Eddie shared, "All of us decide which internal voice we will amplify and obey." **When it comes to money and giving, what are some of the voices and messages that go through your mind? As you list them, think about where each one comes from.**
  - Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.
    - **What images or phrases stand out to you from this passage?**
    - **Is there anything that comforts you?**
    - **What challenges you?**
  - Take a moment to read this statement from Eddie: "God wants to fund his church through the faithfulness of his people." **How do you react to this?**
  - Take a moment to answer this question: **What does it look like to trust God with my money?** Get practical and specific.
  - Eddie shared several examples from the Bible about how to demonstrate trust in God with our money:
    - God wants me to give to him first, not last. (This often means budgeting and avoiding unwise debt.)
    - God wants me to give joyfully, not with resentment. (Don't break the cycle. If God has blessed you, and you've blessed others because of it, keep going.)
    - God wants me to give through faith, not fear. (God loves to be trusted.)
- Which of these comes most naturally to you? Which one is a struggle?**
- Honestly reflect on how you are trusting God. Take a moment to talk to Him about the specifics of what you notice (both internally and externally). **What do you want to say to God about all of this?**
  - **Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?**

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at [info@wschurch.org](mailto:info@wschurch.org).

**Resources to Help with Money Stress** – Looking for practical help saving money, paying off debt, budgeting, and living generously? We have put together several resources for you, including books, group opportunities, financial coaching, and more! To learn more, go to [wschurch.org/money](http://wschurch.org/money).

### Message Main Points & Scripture

- **Rite**
- **Right**
- **Write**
- **Wright**
- **Light**
- **TRUST**
- **The newcomer**
- **We do not ask guests and newcomers to cover our financial needs**
- **The newer follower of Jesus**
- **All of us decide which internal voice we will amplify and obey**
- 1 Corinthians 2:17 - We are not like the many hucksters who preach for personal profit. We preach the word of God with sincerity and with Christ's authority, knowing that God is watching us.
- **If there are counterfeit churches, preachers and missionaries, then by definition the real thing also exists**
- 1 Corinthians 14:40 - "Be sure everything is done properly and in order."
- **God wants to fund his church through the faithfulness of his people**
- **Longtime Christians who prioritize giving as God desires – and those who do not consider it a priority**
- 2 Corinthians 9:6 – "Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop."
- **What does it look like to TRUST God with my money?**
- Psalm 24:1 – "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."
- **God wants me to give to him first, not last.**
- Proverbs 3:9 (NIV) - "Honor the Lord... with the firstfruits of all your crops."
- Proverbs 22:7 – "The borrower is servant to the lender."
- Psalm 37:21 – "The wicked borrow and never repay, but the godly are generous givers."
- **God wants me to give joyfully, not with resentment.**
- 2 Corinthians 9:7 – "You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. 'For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.'"
- **God wants me to give from faith, not fear.**
- Malachi 3:8 - "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my

Temple. 'If you do,' says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, 'I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!'"