

One: Offering Principles
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Small Group Questions

*You do NOT have to answer or discuss every question. Feel free to just pick a few. These are meant to guide you in truth. If you are having trouble answering a question, ask your small group leader to help you. They are committed to helping you develop as an authentic follower of Christ.

The COMMUNITY:

1. What is the most exciting part to you about the vision for Coastal's future that Pastor Shaun talked about on Sunday?

Into the WORD/APPLICATION:

Here are some suggested sites in order to dive deeper into God's Word: blueletterbible.org, desiringgod.org/articles/all, biblos.com, ccel.org, logos.com, connect.ligonier.org, thegospelcoalition.org/channel/bible-and-theology.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 again together. What was the point Pastor Shaun made about the connection between the resurrection of Christ and our generosity? Also read Matthew 6:19-20; what does it mean to "lay up treasures in Heaven?"

2. We live in an age of electronic giving and paychecks that don't come each week. How does the fact that Paul emphasized the first day of the week affect our thinking about giving?

3. In Mark 12:41-44, Jesus is sitting near enough to the offering box that he can see what everyone is putting in. Talk about Jesus' response when the widow came along and put in such a small amount compared to what the others were putting in. How does this relate to the concept in 1 Corinthians 16:2 that "each one of [us]" is to set something aside to give?

4. We were encouraged to "put aside" and "store up" so that we can give. What benefit will this have on our giving?

5. If you have time, talk about some of the statistics that Pastor Shaun gave about what it would be like if all Christians gave 10% of their income to the Lord.