



Icebreaker

Are you a planner or a go with the flow kind of person? What do you like or dislike about making plans? Does it depend on what part of life? Do you like how you approach planning?

Exodus 35:21-29

...everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the tent of meeting.....22 All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds..... 23 Everyone who had blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen.....25 Every skilled woman spun with her hands and brought what she had spun—blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen. 26 And all the women who were willing and had the skill spun the goat hair. 27 The leaders brought onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. 28 They also brought spices and olive oil for the light and for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense. 29 All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the Lord freewill offerings for all the work the Lord through Moses had commanded them to do.

Exodus 36:6 The people of God gave so generously they had to be restrained in their giving.

Exodus 33:14 The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Conversation Starters

1. Have you ever had to follow someone else's plan that you didn't like? What happened?
2. What kind of plan do you have for your finances?
3. Compare your plan and what you know of God's plan? How did you learn about God's plan for your money? How do you think or feel about that plan?

Those who treasured the presence of the Lord brought so much, Moses had to eventually tell them to stop giving. Jeff made a case for the fact that we all have a God given desire to worship something. When we are at home with God and recognize his presence with us we will give generously, out of joy and with abandon.

4. Have you ever experienced a time like this, where you felt at home with God? If so tell your group about it.
5. What if we gave out of the overflow of our hearts rather than the requirements of God's law or plan?
6. What might compel us to give according to God's plan? What if we gave out of a heart of worship? How can you plan in a way that draws your life near to God? Why would you want to do so?