

Course Syllabus

SPC CORE Training

Developing Generous Givers

Class Instructor: Rev. Chris Hemberry

Class Date/Time: February 16, 2019 – 9am – 3pm

Location: Turlock FMC

Course Description:

Developing Generous Givers will teach you the biblical principles of congregational giving and finance AND provide you with tangible leadership skills to help create a culture of radical giving in your church.

Learning Objectives:

- Demonstrate an understanding of biblical church finance and giving
- Demonstrate a general understanding of current financial best practices for churches
- Develop and fruitfully execute a tangible plan for developing a culture of radical giving in your church

Course Outline

- I. Biblical Giving
 - A. Student experience and definition
 - B. Common misconceptions
 - C. Kingdom-Nomics (The economy of the Kingdom)
 1. Old Testament Tithe
 2. What Jesus said about giving
 - D. Connecting the Testaments, Giving UP, IN, and OUT
- II. Best Practices (necessary to receive full blessing)
 - A. Giving as part of New Believer discipleship plan
 - B. Vision-giving versus habit/duty
 - C. Giving to the point of sacrifice
 - D. Accountability and transparency- vision-driven annual budgeting
 - E. Connecting radical giving to mission fruitfulness

- III. Creating a Culture of Radical Giving in Your Church
 - A. BE a radical giver
 - B. Require Leaders to be Radical Givers
 - C. Clear expectations
 - D. Clarity and Communication
 - E. Follow-through

Required Reading:

Genesis chapters 2, 14, 28; Leviticus chapter 27; Nehemiah chapter 10; Malachi chapter 3; Matthew chapter 6; Mark Chapter 12; Luke chapter 18

Grading:

- 50% class discussion
- 50% Written assignments- plan development

Pre-course work: (reading and assignments)

1. Complete all assigned readings under 'Required Reading'
2. Write a 1-page paper stating your philosophy of giving both personally and congregationally
3. Interview two pastors and ask them about their giving philosophy and experience including if/how they communicate about giving

Continuation Course Work (for CORE Credit)

1. Complete 30-minute follow-up discussion with instructor about working your plan

Communication:

The best method for communication is email. All assignments are to be turned in via email. Any students desiring further instruction can set up in-person follow up meetings with the instructor free of charge