



RECEIVE WEEK #3

TALK IT OVER

Think back. What stands out?

1) God gives good gifts

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17

2) God wants us to receive His gifts

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:12

3) God's greatest gift is Christ

God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ... that he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4,7

Start talking. Choose a conversation starter for your group.

- Who is the hardest person for you to buy a gift for?
- Receiving gifts isn't always comfortable. We tend to think we don't need it. Receiving can put us in a vulnerable position because it admits our need. What are some things you have received from God?

Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Read Matthew 7:7-11. What does this passage reveal about God's heart?
- John talked today about postures of worship. Which posture do you find yourself taking most often in corporate worship? Open, hurried, distracted, angry, resistant, passive?

Start digging. Read Scripture about receiving.

Psalm 24:3-6

Daniel 7:18

Job 2:9-10

Philippians 4:19

Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

Heavenly Father, thank you for your good gifts. Help us to receive all that you have for us. And thank you for the hope we have because of your greatest gift. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing.

Keep a prayer journal this week. Document the things that you are asking God for. Posture yourself in worship to receive all that the Lord has for you. Share it with members of your Core Group.