

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message Series: LAUNCH: an Inside Out Series
Message Title: All Systems Go!
Speaker: Lance Burch
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UP NEXT

- **ATTENTION ALL LIFE GROUPS** - Each Life Group is highly encouraged to participate in the Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 29th from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. We are asking each Life Group to come up with a themed “trunk” complete with games and candy for the many kids that will show up. If your group cannot supply a trunk we are also in need of 15-20 volunteers. To volunteer please email roger.graber@reality.church.
- **Inside Out Gala** - Donations are still being accepted for the Inside Out Gala. For more information visit reality.church/events.

MAIN IDEA

Your World is not The World

INTRODUCTION

- The *Launch* sermon series will look at how we as a church are going to rally together to support the next generation of kids and students.
- God provided a true miracle when He allowed us to purchase our current building. We are wanting to build out the other half with a space which will allow us to reach and impact many more families in our community.
- God is clearly leading us to big things and *we* get to be a part of that process!

DISCUSSION

- I was a member of one of those monthly CD music clubs in High school. It cost a ton of money and all I have to show for it are a bunch of obscure old CDs. What is one of your worst investments?
- By a show of hands...
 - Who agrees that it is important to share our FAITH with the next generation? Why exactly?
 - Who agrees that it is important to share our TIME with the next generation? What is at stake if we do not?
 - Who agrees that it is important to share our STORIES with the next generation? What will we potentially lose by not doing so?
 - Who agrees that it is important to share our TALENT with the next generation?
 - Who agrees that it is important to share our MONEY with the next generation?
- Regarding Finances, most people are in one of two camps: 1) Give dollars to the next generation so they can be even more successful than we were. 2) Withhold dollars from the next generation so they can learn the same lessons we had to learn in earning our dollars.
 - With your kids, which camp do you fall in (or which camp will you fall in when you have kids)?
- Why do you think MONEY seems to be the only area we have trouble passing on to the next generation?
- Have someone read [\(1 Corinthians 16:1-2\)](#)

- Several Bible versions make the main object of this verse about the “Collection” being taken. However, the actual word probably carried with it the meaning of a “Contribution.”
 - How would you describe the difference between a *Collection* and a *Contribution*?
 - Which would you rather be a part of?
 - The Corinthians were not being told to give their money to help the other Corinthians. They were willingly and purposefully giving of their income to assist those who had a need.
- Across the board, churches who are healthier in all ways do not focus on themselves primarily. A healthy church looks outside. That is why we are calling this initiative Inside Out. We are building *Inside* so we can reach *Out*.
 - Lance mentioned two opportunities we will have to reach out locally & globally with the success of Launch. 1) building playgrounds in Jamaica (*Embracing Orphans*) and 2) assisting the *Bethlehem House* here locally.
 - What is exciting to you about each of these opportunities?
 - Why do you think it is important to include these opportunities in Launch vs simply using all the money on our building project?
 - In other words, what did the Corinthians get to experience through the process of giving to others?
- Have someone read [\(Deuteronomy 14:23\)](#)
 - What does this verse say to you personally? Do you feel encouraged or pressured?

QUOTE
“Pure religion is caring for the Least, the Last, & the Lost”
 Lance Burch

- ★ • Please read this aloud and then ask for feedback:
 - *The Bible makes the purpose of tithing very clear - to put God first in our lives. We are to give God the first and best of what we earn. For example, what we do with our money shows what we value most. Giving the first part of our paycheck to God immediately focuses our attention on Him. It also reminds us that all we have belongs to Him. A habit of regular tithing can keep God at the top of our priority list and give us a proper perspective on everything else we have.*
- Lance mentioned 4 types of Generosity, which do you feel fits you best?
 - Spontaneous
 - Systematic
 - Significant
 - Sacrificial

APPLY IT

- PRAY! Stay committed to pray every day this month for Launch. Follow the Prayer Guide. Ask God to reveal to you what your role will be in Launch.

NEXT STEPS

- Go to Jamaica! We are going to Jamaica during March 11-18, 2017. We are having an informational meeting about this trip on October 16 at 3:00pm. Come hear how this trip can change your life and your perspective.