

SATURDAY & SUNDAY Discipleship Guide

Message Title: **"Making a Difference"**

Series: "Blessed" | Week of April 30-May 6, 2017

Main Thought:

God blesses us as we cultivate unity by embracing diversity, sharing sacrificially, and as we serve others selflessly. He has given us different passions, wired us uniquely, and gifted us specifically to become a blessing - the foundation to living a truly blessed life. Where our personality, passion, and gifts intersect with need, opportunity, and vision, a sweet spot is created that is designed to serve both in the church and in the world beyond. We will one day stand before God to give account for how we stewarded His blessing to be a blessing to others.

Main Passages:

"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people..." (Acts 2:44-47 ESV)

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16 ESV)

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ..." (1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV)

Reflection:

- What especially stands out to you from the main thought and Bible passages above?

Application:

- When have you seen God do something through you because you sacrificed?
- Describe a time you saw someone express unique gifts and passions to serve needs beyond themselves. How do you feel you could do the same?

Group Prayer:

- Pray for God to show you clearly how your personality, possessions, passions, and gifts can work together to share sacrificially and serve selflessly.
- Pray for God to touch a specific friend or loved one to respond to your invitation to Grace Group or to church. Pray that they would come to know Christ.