

OFFERING MY TIME + THINGS ASSESSMENT

WHY ASK THESE PERSONAL QUESTIONS?

As we will learn in session 4 “Everything Is His” worship is a life of offering everything we are and have back to the Lord in response to His laying everything down for us through the cross. This causes us to reimagine and reconsider two specific things that most of us struggle to let go of- our time and our things (possessions). Please answer the following assessment questions for personal preparation as we learn about a life of worship. The goal is for us to be encouraged and challenged (wherever we are on the spectrum) in order to mature and grow into a life long pattern of living sacrificially and generously in light of what Christ has done for us. There will be no expectation or pressure to share the answers to these questions in the large group session. Rather they are to help surface patterns and areas of strength, potential growth and what next steps could be.

Offering My Time (Assessment)

+ What are some of your primary gifts and passions?

+ What areas are you currently offering your time and abilities back to the Lord? Think not only in the context of Downtown Hope but in all areas of your life (*i.e., tutoring children, serving the marginalized, making disciples, using your unique gifts to further God's kingdom, etc...*)

+ Do you feel you are you gifted in these areas?

+ Are you passionate about these areas or does it feel more obligatory?

+ What areas within Downtown Hope are you currently serving or interested in offering your time/abilities back to the Lord in worship?

+ Are you struggling with any feelings of guilt over “I'm not doing enough”?

Offering My Things (Assessment)

The purpose of these questions is to get you thinking about how you are offering your resources (possessions and money) back to the Lord in worship.

+ Have you had experiences with churches or non-profits that have distorted your view of what it means to offer everything we have and are back to him in worship?

+ What kind of debt and other financial challenges do you have?

+ What underlying fears or concerns do you have around offering your resources back to the Lord?+ What are areas that you are currently offering your resources back to the Lord? (i.e., non-profits, local church, missions organizations, organically as you see need- homeless person, neighbor, friend, etc...)

+ Do you feel like you are currently being obedient to offering your resources in ways The Lord has invited you to?

+ Are you saving and how do you feel it is going?