



Overflow INITIATIVE

DISCUSSION GUIDE

“And God is able to make all grace overflow to you so that because you have enough of everything in every way at all times, you will overflow in every good work.”

2 Corinthians 9:8



PREPARE

Hey Creekside,

We hope that this discussion guide will help you decide how to be a part of the **OVERFLOW** initiative and what God is doing at Creekside Christian Church.

Use this guide to help facilitate discussions this week with your family or friends about the OVERFLOW initiative and the commitment you plan to make on commitment Sunday, March 1st.

PREPARE THE DISCUSSION

Pick a time where you can have a discussion this week ahead of commitment Sunday. If you are single, schedule a time with a trusted friend or two to discuss your commitment. If you live with your family, schedule a time where the entire family can come together and discuss your commitment. As you meet with friends and family, ask for their input including questions and suggestions.

Block off 30 minutes to an hour for this discussion and minimize distractions that could come up. Unplug as you consider the **OVERFLOW** initiative.

If you're leading the discussion with your family, review the discussion guide in advance and be ready to challenge each family member to think of sacrifices they can make in order to give courageously, consistently, and creatively.

MAKE YOUR COMMITMENT

Bring your completed commitment card with you to Creekside Christian Church on commitment Sunday, March 1st, and make plans to be at Creekside on Celebration Sunday, March 29th, where we'll announce the totals for the OVERFLOW initiative.



1. PRAY

Pray for this discussion. Ask God to help you focus on and commit to how you can be a part of pouring into the growing communities around us. Thank God for all that He is doing through Creekside Christian Church and ask Him for direction as you prepare to make a commitment to the **OVERFLOW** initiative.

2. RECAP

Ask each other what you've been learning so far through the **OVERFLOW** initiative at Creekside Christian Church from weekend services, Q&As, the **OVERFLOW** Prayer Guide, and any other way.

Below write down what you've been learning:

3. READ

Read the following Scripture passages aloud. After each passage, ask, "**What does God teach us about giving through these verses?**" and write down thoughts below:

Proverbs 3:9-10 _____

Proverbs 11:24-25 _____

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 _____



4. DISCUSS

Discuss sacrifices and lifestyle changes that you could make in order to give to the **OVERFLOW** initiative. Be sure to include any and all ideas! Remember the three ways you can give:

- **Courageously:** Give the most significant gift you have ever given to the church on March 1st.
- **Consistently:** Make a 25-month pledge to the **OVERFLOW** initiative. Plan weekly or monthly giving over the next 25 months.
- **Creatively:** Think of non-cash gifts of real estate, cars, stocks and other assets.

Spend time asking God for direction in each of these three strategies.

List some ideas below:

5. COMPARE

Compare God's principles for giving (from verses read earlier) with the ideas you brainstormed. Add additional suggestions that anyone offers to Step 4.

6. COMMIT

Decide what and how you will give and write it down on your family's commitment card. **Bring your card to Creekside Christian Church on commitment Sunday, March 1st.**

7. CLOSING

Close in a prayer of commitment, asking God to provide for you as you step out in faith and commit to being a part of the **OVERFLOW** initiative for the next 25 months. Pray that God would guide Creekside Christian Church in this season and for the people whose lives will be changed through the **OVERFLOW** initiative.