
BE THE BEE

SESSION #27

Uniting With God and Neighbor

LEARNING TO BE THE BEE AND LIVE ORTHODOXY



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An Invitation to Give

Goal:

Learn why we give to others.

Objective:

Identify one way to freely give in your daily life.

Estimated Duration:

60 minutes

LEARNING SESSION

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OPENING PRAYER

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Lord, help us to “be the bee” and “have a positive way of thinking, seeing only the good side of things.” Show us “where to find flowers, sweets, honey and sugar, and to only know the good things in life and become ignorant to all evil.” Grant us faith, courage and love, through the prayers of Saint Paisios and of all the Saints. Amen.

ICEBREAKER

6 minutes

If I were a present, I would be a (an) _____
because _____.

VIDEO

5 minutes

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<https://youtu.be/93nGD27fM2o>

DEBRIEF

10 minutes

Ask students the following questions and help
facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What did you see and hear in the video?
- ❖ What is one lesson you can take away from the video?

TEACHING

7 minutes

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What is so important about giving to others?
 - ❖ “When you did it to the least of the brethren, you did it to me.”
- ❖ What can we give other than money?
- ❖ Which is greater: how much should I give, or how much can I give?
- ❖ What must we give to have God transform our gifts?

REFLECTION

10 minutes

Ask students the following question and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What do you have to offer? Do you ever feel like that is not enough?

READING AND APPLICATION

7 minutes

Read the following story to students:

The Duty of Almsgiving and Hope

<http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2013/12/the-duty-of-almsgiving-and-hope-of.html>

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What did you hear in the story? What spoke to you?
- ❖ What is the link between giving and the liturgy?
- ❖ What could giving without expecting anything in return also be called?
 - ❖ Love
- ❖ Do you view giving as love?

SCRIPTURE READING AND APPLICATION

10 minutes

Read the following verses to students:

“Who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.” - Psalm 15:5

“Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.” - Mark 12:41-44

Ask students the following questions and help facilitate a discussion:

- ❖ What is taught to us through our giving of money?
- ❖ What does the parable of the widow tell us about how we should give to others?

Teaching: (reflect on this rather than read it directly to participants)

We may ask ourselves, “what do I have to offer?” Each of us have been created by God in a way that we have specific gifts and talents. With our talents, we are able to give something back. Even a smile to a stranger is a type of giving. The goal is to give what you can. The amount is not the important part, but rather the effort. Even a tiny gift can be magnified and transformed by God. The person receiving our gift receives it with a blessing, and we too are blessed by God. Lenten periods are a time to shake up our routine or lazy habits we have created, and reorient ourselves towards the Kingdom.

CONCLUSION

5 minutes

Go around the room and ask each student to answer the following question:

- ❖ What is one way to freely give in your daily life through what you learned in the session?

CLOSING PRAYER

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Lord, thank You for all that You have given us. Please help us to be grateful for all of Your gifts, seen and unseen. Please multiply these gifts, and allow us to give to others. Through this may we, "commit ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God".

Amen.