

WEEK THREE: GIVE WHOLEHEARTEDLY

Worship explores and celebrates God's generous and giving nature. Use the \$1.79 Mission Giving bulletin insert.

Sunday school classes, youth groups, and spiritual formation groups continue the four-week focus using the appropriate materials.



WEEK FOUR: LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

Worship explores and celebrates God's gift of unconditional love.

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WEEK FIVE: BEYOND ALL EXPECTATION!

Worship challenges us to think seriously about how to live, give, and love in ways that honor and glorify God. In all ways that we live, give, and serve, we are asked to think greater!

Sunday school classes, youth groups, and spiritual formation groups wrap-up their four-week focus using the appropriate materials.

Send the fourth letter/email to church participants (with or without a commitment card) inviting them to the commitment celebration service the following Sunday.

WEEK SIX: THINK GREATER! DO GREATER!

Worship celebrates the fantastic life we share together in Christian community. This is a time to cast a vision for the future and to thank everyone for what they do to make the dream a reality.

Make the offering time a real celebration with special music. Place offering plates at various spots in the sanctuary and invite people to bring their offerings forward with their commitments (either written or not) to God.

Thank everyone in the church who helped lead, teach, plan or support the Think Greater! campaign.

During the week following the celebration service, send the fifth (thank you) letter to everyone in the congregation.

Every church will conduct this campaign in a unique and distinctive way. It will work best when it is customized to the particular context where it will be used. Feel free to modify and change it to suit your congregation's personality.



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



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SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR CAMPAIGN LEADERS:

Read all the materials thoroughly. It will be helpful as you plan the best ways to share the Think Greater! campaign in your church.

Check the Think Greater! section of the Wisconsin UMC website (wisconsinumc.org) regularly. We will be posting helpful resources throughout August & September.

Do a regular attitude adjustment. Everybody loves a party, so stay joyous, hopeful, celebratory, visionary and playful. Have fun with Think Greater!

Consider using and inviting personal testimonies and lay witness in your worship services. Ask people if they would be willing to share stories of exceptional and enthusiastic living, giving and loving. Offer people the opportunity to share where God is active in their lives.

Get children, youth, and adults working creatively to decorate the church with images that help everyone Think Greater!

- Have a poster contest
- Challenge people to write songs or poems
- Make buttons
- Make Think Greater! mugs, magnets, pens, or pads to help people remember to Think Greater! all the time.

Put the Think Greater! posters and banners in public spaces to get people asking what the theme is all about.

Keep lifting the challenges of living enthusiastically, giving wholeheartedly, and loving unconditionally... beyond all expectation... in meetings, at Bible studies, at fellowship events, in worship, and throughout the year.

Think Greater! is a simple, easy congregational stewardship program, designed to place the focus on giving as a means of grace and an important part in the spiritual development of every Christian disciple.

Think Greater! is an immersion experience, created for the entire congregation. The campaign includes:

- Six weekly themes
- Worship resources
- Bulletin inserts
- Small group & Sunday school resources
- Youth discussion guide
- Children's planning guide
- Sample letters

- Sample commitment forms
- Banner/poster/button templates
- A Wesleyan devotional guide
- Evangelism messages
- Guidelines for writing a Money Autobiography

When you Think Greater! your congregation learns about holistic stewardship and ways to live, give, and love in lifetransforming ways. This is a quick reference guide to help you get the most from the Think Greater! campaign.

First, gather the leadership of your congregation together and PRAY! Pray that God might work through you and your leaders to cast a powerful vision of faithful stewardship.

Think Greater! follows a simple six-week format:

TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE LAUNCH OF THE CAMPAIGN:

Print posters, make banners, create buttons and send the first letter/email to participants in the congregation.

ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE LAUNCH OF THE CAMPAIGN:

Send the second/third letter/email to members and active participants in the congregation.

Put up posters, banners, make buttons available. Post appropriate information and graphics to website/newsletters.

WEEK ONE: LAUNCH

This is the time to introduce the general theme — how can we as followers of Jesus Christ, live enthusiastically, give wholeheartedly, and love unconditionally, so that we exceed worldly expectations and present a powerful witness of what it means to be a disciple committed to changing the world for the better?

WEEK TWO: LIVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY

Worship explores and celebrates God's gift of abundant, joyous living.

Sunday school classes, youth groups, and spiritual formation groups begin a four-week focus using the appropriate materials.

