
TALK IT OVER

Store It or Pour It?

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the message notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions towards the end of the document.

Message Notes

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Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."
Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

Question 1 How does pouring ourselves into others fulfill the Great Commandment (Matthew 22: 37-40), and the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 18-20)?

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God Is Pouring Into Me

When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Titus 3:4-7 (NLT)

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

HEART

ABILITIES

PERSONALITY

EXPERIENCES

Question 2 How can discovering our SHAPE lead us to serve God in ways that make a meaningful impact at church, in our families, workplaces, or in the world?

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I have a decision to make:

Store It = SAFE, STERILE,
STAGNATION

Or

Pour It = MESSY, MUDDLED,
MULTIPLICATION

Question 3 In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), one of the master's three servants was afraid to risk being messy and muddled to actively use the resources that he had been given. He acted in a spirit of fear and self preservation by doing nothing. Similarly, when we do not use our gifts and resources for the benefit of the church, we are not being good stewards. Why is there a tendency to play it safe and hold tightly onto what God has poured into us rather than take the risk to invest in others?

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Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they felt and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message!

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

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