

Acquisition Events Bible Study

Large Scale, Micro-Events, Signature Participation Projects

The following devotional is an example of an activity that could be used during a large-scale fundraising event to provide guests with an experience that deepens their understanding of what Scripture says about their role in God's work.

Additionally, this study could be used during a planning team meeting or table hosts training to prepare hearts and minds for the events.

STEP 1: Read through the following passage, with a focus on verses 35-36.

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵**For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.**’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers,^[a] you did it to me.’ ⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

MATTHEW 25:31-46 ESV

STEP 2: After reading this passage, consider the following questions with the acquisition event in mind.

What from this passage stands out to you as important, especially as it relates to acquisition events? What stands out from the key verses of 35-36?

As a steward of God's resources, how does this passage influence your view on the role you play in this event?

An invitation to give is a calling to generosity, sacrifice, and joy. In what ways can this acquisition event help you and your guests experience each of the following:

Generosity

Sacrifice

Joy

STEP 3: Review the following statements derived from Randy Alcorn's book, [The Treasure Principle](#)¹ and consider each question in the context of an acquisition event and Matthew 25:31-46.

#1 God owns everything; I'm His money manager. (We are the managers of the assets God has entrusted—not given—to us).

In what ways is God leading me, through the earlier passage of Scripture, to manage the funds raised through new givers?

#2 My heart always goes where I put God's money. (Watch what happens when you reallocate your money from temporal things to eternal things).

How do you relate to this passage and principle? How do you think your champions relate to this passage and principle?

#3 Heaven—the New Earth, not the present one—is my home. (We are citizens of “a better country – a heavenly one”).

Hebrews 11:16 says “But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one...” In what ways would my response to this passage of Scripture reflect the value of my home being in heaven? How can an acquisition event be designed to help someone realize this truth?

#4 I should live today not for the dot, but for the line. (From the dot—our present life on earth—extends a line that goes on forever, which is eternity in Heaven).

In what ways does the Hebrews 11:16 passage move me from the dot to the line?

#5 Giving is the only antidote to materialism. (Giving is a joyful surrender to a greater person and a greater agenda. It dethrones “me” and exalts “Him.”)

How does the Matthew 25 passage impact the drift towards materialism, and how does participating with your ministry provide an opportunity to be an antidote for materialism?

#6 God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving. (God gives us more money than we need so we can give—generously).

How does the cause of Jesus Christ shape the cause of my organization? How can the overarching cause of Jesus Christ be clearly articulated through acquisition events so that it influences guests' standards of living and giving?

¹ Alcorn, Randy. *The Treasure Principle: Discovering the Secret of Joyful Giving*. Sisters, OR: Multnomah Press, 2001.