

IDEA:

The 'Halve to Double' Christmas

This initiative seeks to invite groups to halve their normal Christmas spending on themselves, so as to be generous to services that are making a difference in social justice.

WHY:

The 'Halve to Double' Christmas is a great initiative to **raise funds, grow awareness** and **discipline consumerism**.

1. Participating in this initiative will lead you to **grow awareness** of how much you spend at Christmas time.
2. Participating in this initiative will help you **raise funds** for community services who are strategically positioned to love and support our local community.
3. This initiative will also help you wrestle and **discipline** any tendency for consumerism at this time of year.

HOW:

1. Decide as a small group which time you will set aside to do steps 2-4.
2. Attempt to budget for how much you would normally spend at Christmas time (eg. presents + food)
3. Consider how you could halve your expenditure.
4. Consider how you could give that half to a charity or service that is on the front line of social justice in our local community.
5. Share your experiences of this initiative with others and use the reflection questions to guide you to listen to what God might be saying to you.

TIME:

Choose a small group time where you will work out how much you will halve to give away together.

TIPS:

When participating in this initiative, spend time researching into different charities and movements that are making a difference in an area of social justice that you are passionate about. This will help you grow in an even greater awareness of what is happening in our community and world.

PRAY:

We are encouraging you to pray daily in the lead up, during and after this initiative. The end goal is not as important as what happens within during the process.

As you are doing the steps pray that God will help you hear his voice. Pray to God that he will help you see your finances and its purpose the way he does.

Pray through the process and be real with God for the parts that are easy and for those that are hard.



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