
NewGround Offering Sunday – May 5, 2019

Suggested Worship Activities/Themes

*For the designated Sunday, we encourage deacons and worship planners to find ways to enhance the offering time in order to help promote the work of **NewGround** (formerly Operation Manna). Here are some suggestions but feel free to find what will work best in your church!*

- 1) **PRAYER:** Please include the NewGround Offering in your church's prayer time, either before or after the Offering. Here are a few suggestions:
 - a. Pray for our current partners which are connected to churches like yours across Canada. Pray that they will be able to impact their communities with the love of Christ.
 - b. Pray for our expanded activities, which include a Youth Justice Initiative and Deacon Scholarships. Pray that NewGround will have sufficient resources to pour into these leaders of today and tomorrow.
 - c. Pray for your own members and church leaders, asking God to spur them on and lead them into their own communities and neighbourhoods to bring the transforming love of Jesus.
 - d. Pray that God will multiply the money collected for NewGround so that even more churches and ministries across Canada can be a healing presence and a doorway of hope in their local community.

- 2) **THE WORSHIP SERVICE:** Consider planning the worship service around the theme verse from Proverbs 11:11a (as displayed on this year's Newground brochure):
"Good people build up and bless their city."
We believe that God desires to work in us and through us to show His love to others. Some suggested bible verses or themes could be: Jeremiah 29, 1 Peter 2, Ephesian 2:7-10 (*The Message is a great translation*), Colossians 1:3-14.

- 3) **A STORY:** Hearing from those directly involved with or impacted by a NewGround partner ministry can be very meaningful. Possible speakers could be: *a past or present NewGround partner in your area; a Diaconal Ministries' Board Member, a NewGround Committee Member, a Diaconal Ministry Developer, one of your Deacons sharing why they feel this ministry is important to them and to your church.* We suggest asking someone to share a brief story or testimony the week prior to the offering.

- 4) **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Some suggested bulletin announcements have been sent to your church's Administrative Assistant/Secretary. Please connect with him or her to ensure these go into the worship bulletins or handouts in the week's leading up to the Offering. If possible, please also ask one of your Deacons to highlight these during the services leading up to the offering.