

This template offers a simple and compelling way to talk about generosity and discipleship through the framework of the church's mission initiatives and enduring principles. As always, please adapt as needed to fit your congregation or group's specific needs.

## Disciples Generous Response

### FOCUS: Power of 10

<p><b>INTRODUCTION</b></p>	<p>[Read aloud]</p> <p>The Power of 10 is an inspirational way to align how we live out and give to Christ's mission. In response to God's Spirit, we are moving from being a church defined to a great extent by organizational needs to being a church driven by Spirit-led mission.</p> <p>We have each heard the call to make Christ's mission our mission. We have heard the cries of our brothers and sisters in our own communities and around the world as they suffer unjust conditions, yearn for peace, and clamor to live in deeper relationship with one another and with the living Christ. We have each been challenged to become more generous disciples.</p> <p>Sometimes, this can sound impossible to achieve in a world where life's tragedies seem overwhelming and where so many of our brothers and sisters face economic uncertainty. But together, we can do this! When you apply the Power of 10 concept to pursuing mission, you begin to see how the gifts of one person can directly impact the lives of many. Maybe it's inviting 10 friends to a church activity or helping 10 people become baptized and welcomed into our church community. Or maybe it's deciding to give up your weekly trip to the coffeehouse or one lunch out with friends, in order to increase your giving to World Mission Tithes by \$10 a week.</p> <p>Today, I'm sharing a story from the website, <i>giveyour10.org</i>, about [insert mission initiative]. Remember that we are each invited to visit the website and share our own stories and photos about how our congregation is responding to Christ's mission of evangelism, compassionate ministries, and justice and peacemaking.</p>
<p><b>FIND A STORY</b></p>	<p><i>You can find numerous stories about how our giving is helping move mission forward one step at a time:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Power of 10—<i>giveyour10.org</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Each mission initiative is on the site and contains updated stories in each category.</li> <li>○ Choose one to share</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <div data-bbox="889 1207 1513 1680" data-label="Image"> <p>The image is a screenshot of the giveyour10.org website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'POWER OF 10' logo and several icons representing different mission categories: 'INVITE PEOPLE TO CHRIST', 'ADDRESS PEOPLE'S NEEDS AND SUFFERING', 'PROMOTE PEACE IN EXILES', 'DEVELOP SKILLS TO SERVE', 'EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES IN MISSION', 'GIVE NOW', and 'GET CONNECTED CONTACT US'. Below the navigation bar is a large featured image of a man and a woman in a baptismal pool. The man is being baptized by the woman. A quote box is overlaid on the image: 'POWER OF 10 INVITE PEOPLE TO CHRIST' with a 'Read more' button. Below the image is a headline: 'YOU ARE CALLED TO CHANGE A LIFE'. At the bottom, there is a short paragraph of text: 'The Power of 10 is an inspirational new way to align how you live out, and give to, Christ's mission—a mission that's all about inviting others to be part of it, reaching the... God calls YOU to put your life into the divine mission of invitation, compassionate ministry, and justice and peacemaking. Think about it. What does \$10 a week really get you? A couple of lattes? A movie ticket? A fast food meal or two? That some \$10 has the power to really change lives!'.</p> </div>

<b>SHARE THE STORY</b>	<i>Paraphrase the story you have chosen to share with your congregation. You can also include a local/congregational story about the initiative you chose.</i>
<b>CLOSING</b>	<p>[Read aloud]  Each time we give, lives are changed and Christ’s mission moves forward.  We are all challenged to be the ONE—to give our TEN. The Power of 10 starts with each one of us.  Christ’s mission...our mission...your mission!</p> <p><i>Bonus Material:</i>  You can also remind the congregation that mobile giving is available on their smartphones. Invite the middle school or senior high school youth group to bring their phones to the front and text the word MISSION to the number 74574. Within seconds, they will receive a text message back, linking them to the giveyour10.org site. The website was specifically designed to connect to a young adult/mobile-friendly audience and allows you to donate to mission initiatives from your phone. (You will be e-mailed a receipt!) Challenge your youth, young adults, or even your entire congregation to share the text code with TEN friends throughout the next week and then check back with your group the next week to find out how they used the Power of 10.</p>
<b>PRAYER</b>	<i>Give a blessing over the gifts offered today.</i>