



Welcome to the Webinar



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Hope and Help in Times of Crisis

With You in Times of Crisis

The Biblical Pathway for Offering Help and Hope Multiplying Faithful Stewards Globally

Transformed into a Generous Helper

During the webinar, post questions in the chat bar.



With You in Times of Crisis





1. What kind of helplessness or hopelessness have you been experiencing personally?





2. Your personal experiences ever, in receiving generous help, or offering generous help to others.





3. And how is your impression of hope being changed in this experience?

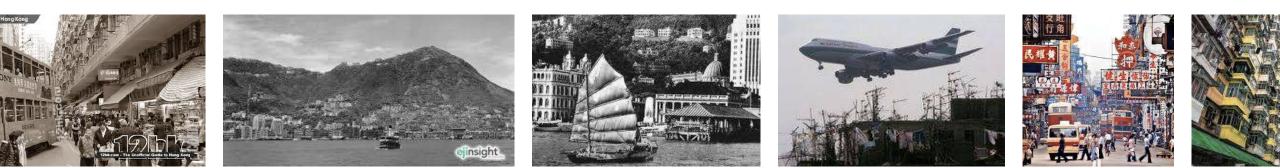




4. What kind of hope or help do Hong Kong people need?









Research from Webinar Participants



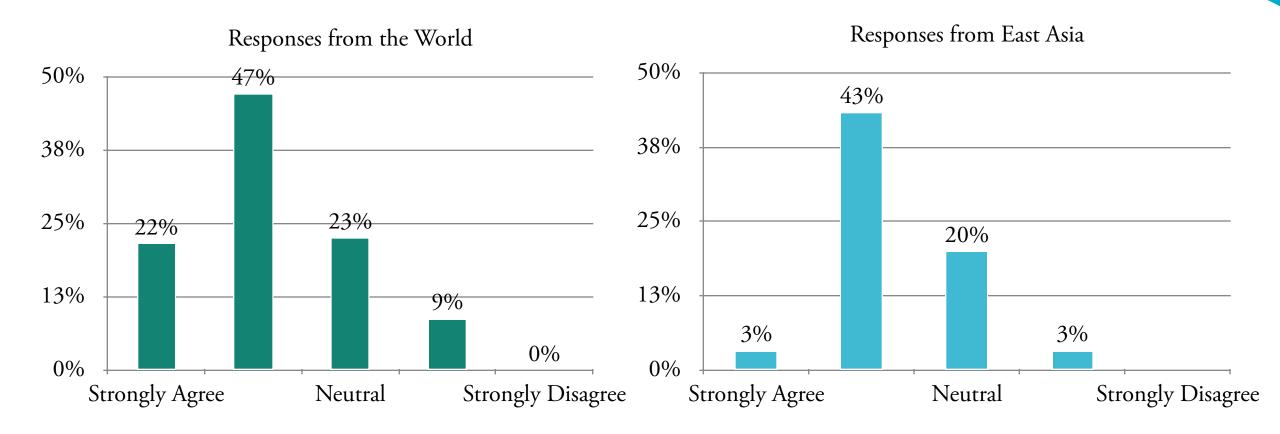
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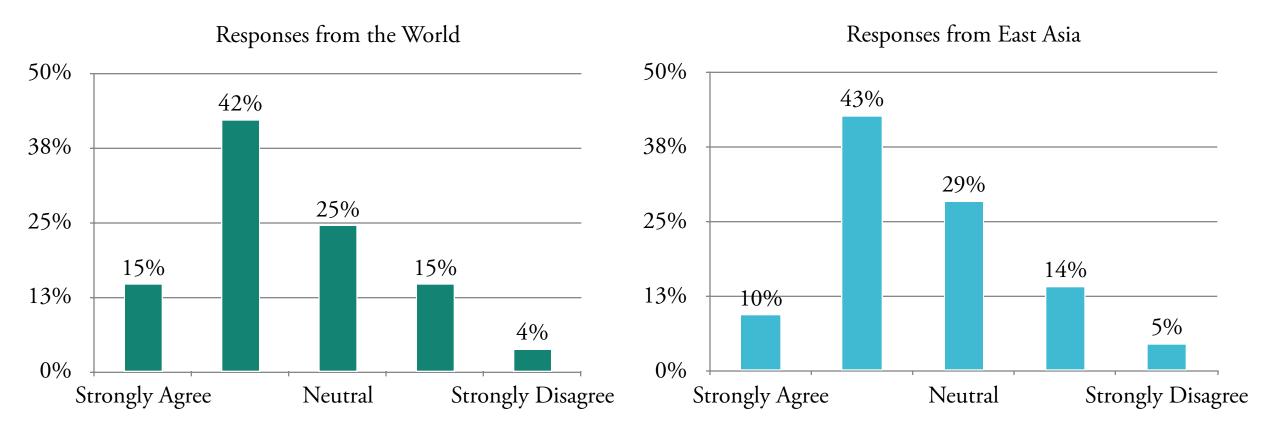
SURVEY RESULTS

Do those who are looking for hope think of looking to churches or ministries to find it?



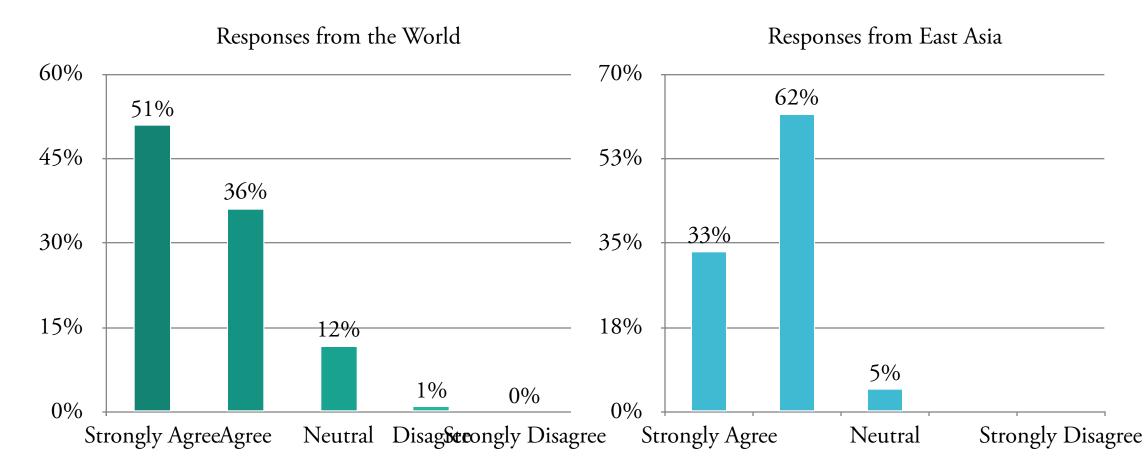


Are cultural values more influential in controlling behavior than Christian values in regards to offering help?



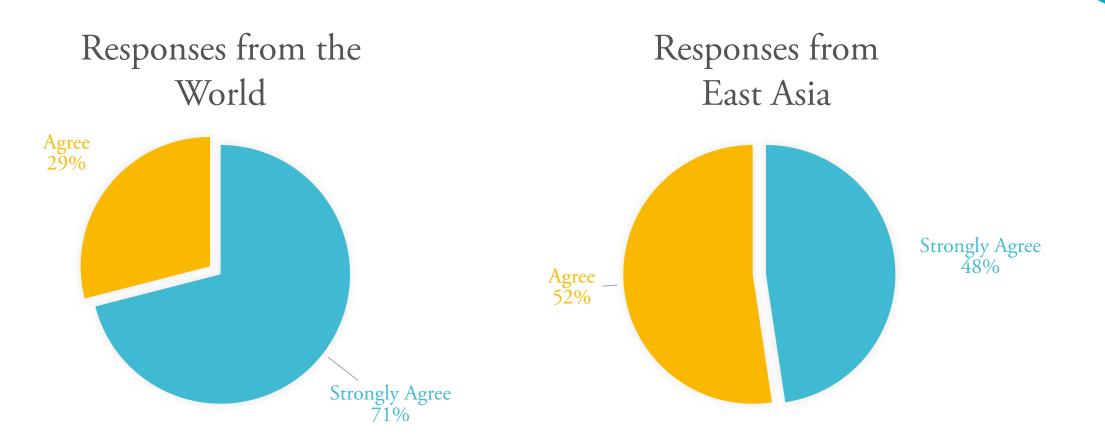


Do you think people in need see churches and ministries as providers of hope and help?





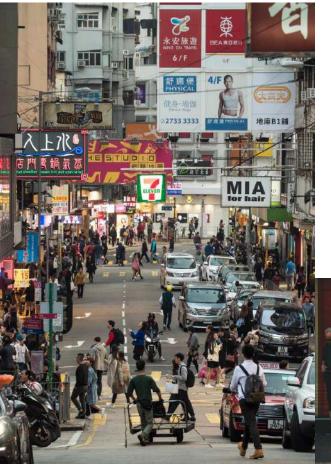
Do you think practical teaching and tips would help individuals grow in their faith and generosity and churches become more generous in the community?





We are all broken

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"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18

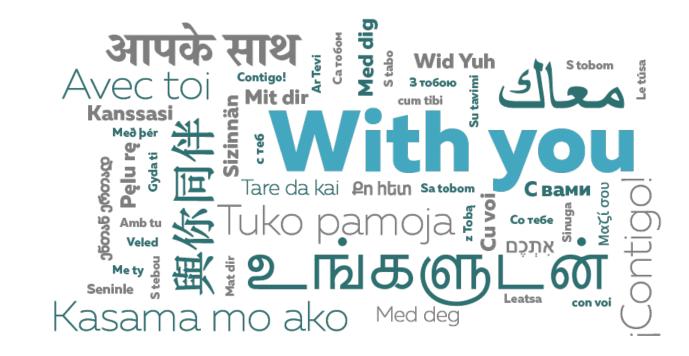






We all want people with us

And surely, I am "with you" always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:20





GTP's "With You" Culture

Our "With you!" culture has two dimensions.

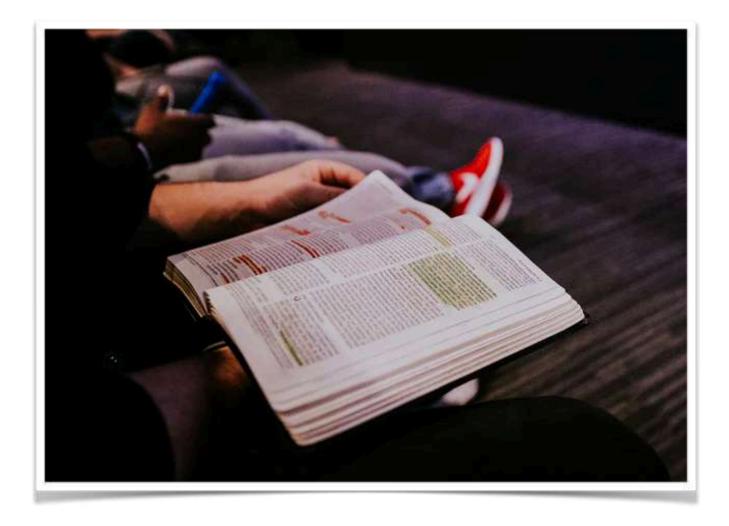
Vertically with God, we remind one another regularly that Christ is with us and we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength.

Horizontally with each other, we remind each other that we are running together with these words. When we send emails to each other, we respond, "With you!" though miles and time zones separate us.

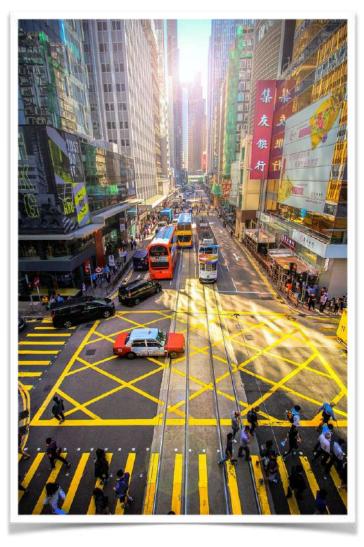




The Biblical Pathway for Offering Help and Hope







Three Words of Wisdom

How can we help people develop a biblical mindset that shapes their generosity? 2



1. Hear and Do

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"Give to everyone who asks you." Luke 6:30

"What if Jesus is trying to teach us something?







1. Hear and Do

Empty? or Enriched?

We don't figure it out until we live it out.



2. Learn to Follow

Set aside everything you know. Follow with childlike faith.

"Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor." Mark 10:21





2. Learn to Follow



Destitute? or Distribute?

Our "extra" supplies someone else's "not enough" and we get the joy of delivering it.





3. Lead the Way

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth." Matthew 6:19-20

Leading the way meant reading the "red letters" – the words of Jesus in the Bible, and resolving to obey.





3. Lead the Way

The gracious aim of Jesus was our maturity. Our hearts and affections started to follow where we put His money.





Drop the Nets!

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Did Peter hear and do?

"Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed Him. Mark 1:17-18



Abandon the Culture!



Did John learn to follow?

"When He had gone a little farther, He saw James son of Zebedee and His brother John in a boat preparing their nets. Without delay He called them and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed Him." Mark 1:19-20



Engage the Receptive!

Did James lead the way?

"As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon..." Mark 1:29



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Three Words of Wisdom

- Hear and Do
 Peter "Drop the Nets!"
- 2. Learn to Follow
 - John "Abandon the Culture!
- 3. Lead the Way James – "Engage the Receptive!"



Multiplying Faithful Stewards Globally

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Global Trust Partners

Our Purpose:

"In obedient service to Jesus Christ, GTP multiplies faithful stewards and mobilizes peer accountability groups to build trust and grow local generous giving to God's work."





4 Programs

Teaching





Training

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Toolbox

Teamwork





3 Common Characteristics



 Available
 Take Action
 Change the Situation





1. Dauod (Jordan) Transforming Governance

2. Sharm Group (Egypt) Growing Local Giving Together



Teaching





Training

3. Gladys and Kareen (Guatemala) Journey of Empowerment

4. Winnie and Lucy (Kenya), Jonathan (Nigeria), Prosper (Togo), and Younoussa (Côte d"Ivoire) Helping people go from surviving to thriving by living out our identity as stewards







6. Tony, Surya, Manish and Handoko (Indonesia)

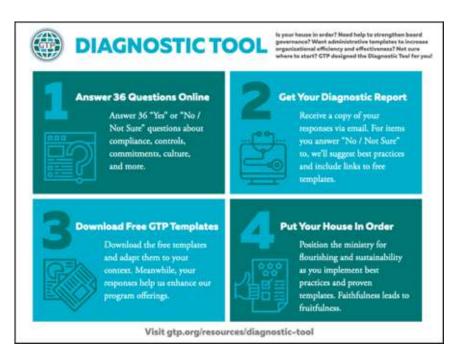
Forming a peer accountability group to help ministries flourish Teamwork

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5. Reuben (Pakistan) and Joan (India) Guiding churches and schools in crisis







Toolbox

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7. Anjji (Philippines) *"I did the free diagnostic tool. The templates will help us put our ministry house in order."*

8. Hundreds of Stewards Globally Getting resources at www.gtp.org







3 Questions

1. Are you AVAILABLE? Christ is WITH YOU.

2. Will you TAKE ACTION regardless of what others are doing?

GTP is WITH YOU.

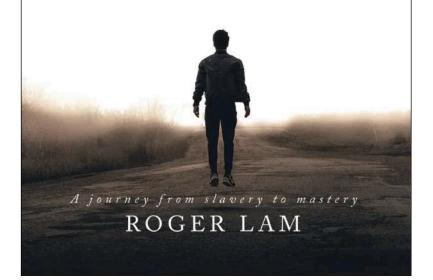
3. Will you CHANGE THE SITUATION and bring hope and help in crisis? **THE DECISION IS UP TO YOU.**





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MONEY vs. RICHES



Journey from Slavery to Mastery of Money





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Three Stages of Dependence

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STAGE ONE



Dependence on Family Business

STAGE TWO



Dependence on Self

STAGE THREE



Dependence on God

STAGE ONE Dependence on Family Business

Failed through no fault of my own

NOT MY FAULT

STAGE TWO Dependence on Self

Failed even though I tried all I could

STAGE THREE Dependence on GOD

Learning to love God and love others

Outreach was key. It was eye-opening and hearttenderizing

My Greatest Hurt

Despite all this progress, my greatest hurt remained in the lack of security over money and provision.



God's 10-year healing plan through one verse



"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8



2005 - First sermon on "tithing"

Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."





Key Decisions

- Made counterintuitive, countercultural and uneducated decision to follow God's word in the area of money and possessions as my first step in discipleship
- Making use of the only permission to "test" God baby steps on tithing
- Muddled prosperity gospel thinking on tithing the year-end bonus



Bare Minimum - 101 Level

Malachi 3:8 "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?" "In tithes and offerings.

How does tithing fit into the schematic of acting justly in the area of money?



2007 - Invitation to show mercy financially

Key Decision It would not be very clever to invite Jesus to not show mercy to me.

The Parable
of the
Unforgiving
Servant

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)





Heard God's audible voice in the form of a question for the very first time.

"When did you lend money to this Brother?" the Holy Spirit asked.



"2007" in 2014



Deuteronomy 15:1-11 At the end of every seven years you must cancel debts...

> "2007", I replied after checking my Blackberry diary. That day was in the year 2014.



Key Decisions

- It would not be wise to not respond favorably to the God of the Heaven and Earth when He chooses to speak to me audibly for the first time.
- This 7-year journey loosely fits into the schematic of loving mercy in the area of money.





The Toughest Lesson

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The last lesson on learning to walk humbly with God was the shortest in duration, but also the toughest.

December 2014, I suffered from Panic Attacks/Anxiety Disorder. Most likely cause – money.





The Toughest Lesson

Negative cash flow every month starting in January 2014.

Income trajectory since tithing in full – so much for Prosperity Gospel!



Crown Financial Ministry Course and Getting Bailed Out

Psalm 24:1 "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;"

Deuteronomy 8:18 "But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today." Got "bailed out" by exactly the right quantum of a year-end bonus but didn't enjoy to keep living like this (turned out to be good training for my ZERO cash flow lifestyle now).



Healing through Aligning my Identity

The KPI God has for me is NOT how much money I make, how high I rise in the corporate ladder, how many awards I win.



All He cares about is whether I acknowledge He is my Ultimate Provider, Jehovah Jireh (the God who provides), and whether I'm willing to freely give the resources which I freely received to His other children who may be less capable of helping themselves.





Micah 6:8 Pattern

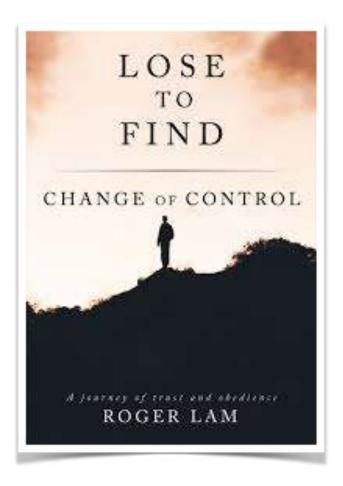
- I only realized the Micah 6:8 pattern after a humorous 5-month journey (only in hindsight, certainly not during the time!)
- This supernatural journey is documented in my first book "Lost and Found: Money vs. Riches."



My key verse for being Hope and Help in Times of Crisis

Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.





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May you be blessed to be a blessing to many others.

Thank you.

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COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS









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