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James 3:3-6

We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. ⁴ And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. ⁵ In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches.

But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. ⁶ And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

Ephesians 4:29, 32

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FAITH  WALK

Read Genesis 9:18-27. What is your gut reaction to this passage? What part do you find hard to process?

Talk about a time when you have experienced gossip? Think about the affect this had on your relationships?

Read James 3:1-12. What image impresses you the most? Why?

What is easier: to speak praises or curses to someone? Look at those last 2 verses and talk about the root of your responses?

Read Ephesians 4:20-5:2. Where does our strength come from to live this life?

Think about one way you can speak encouragement to others this week?

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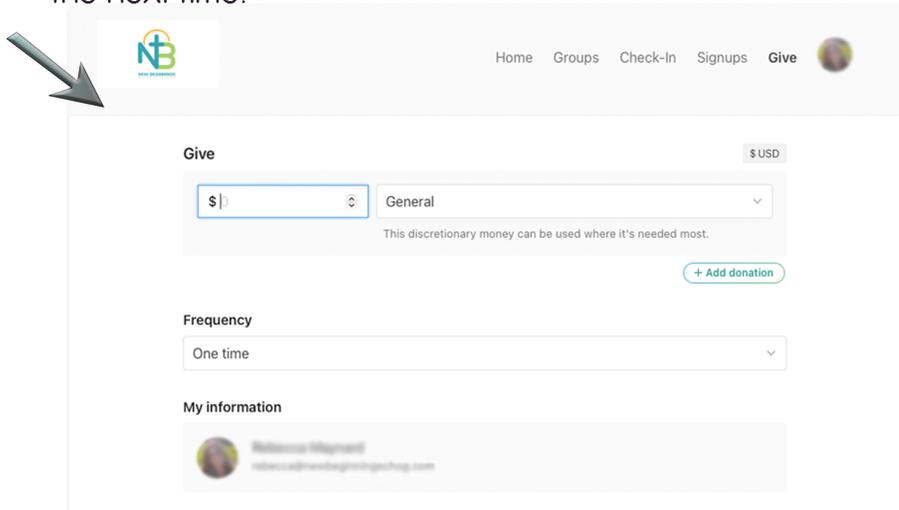
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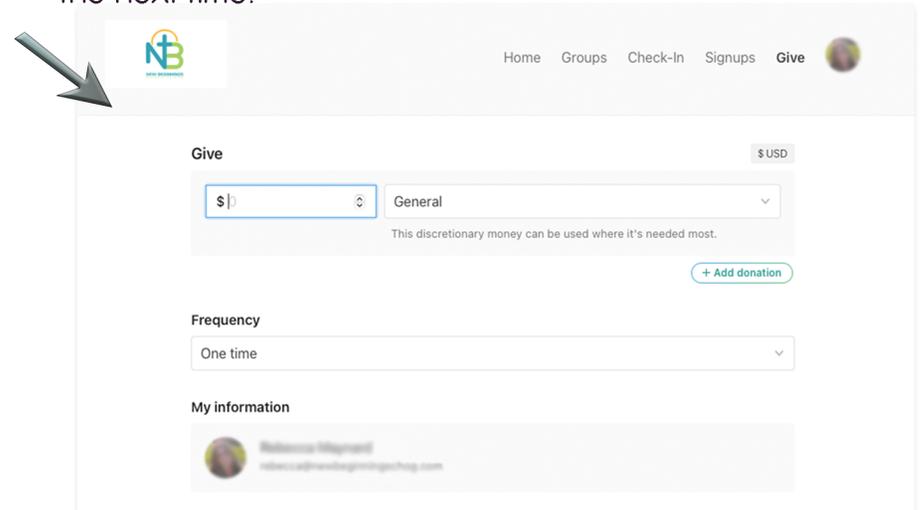
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