



GROUP DISCUSSION | Week 3: Defined By Generosity

SERIES OVERVIEW

This 3-week series explores what it means to be a faithful steward of all that God has entrusted us with. Accountability to God calls us to responsibility in every area of life. It's important to take good care of what He has given us to manage.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

Think of this discussion guide as a springboard. Use what's helpful to your group and lean into discussion that's sparked from the insight and input of your group.

CONNECTION

The holidays have a way of stirring up emotion and inviting you to reminisce. Whether this is the most wonderful time of the year or it's quite difficult for you...what's one thing you're grateful for from either Thanksgiving or Christmas celebrations from your past?

Now to shift gears a bit. Though it's a bit somber to consider, one day after you've passed, when your loved ones meet to talk about your life, what do you want to be remembered for?

We believe we've been designed by God to be generous. Our hope is that those who know us best will experience that and attest to it. Who is one of the most generous people you know? (Share)

TRUTH

Read Acts 20:35. Have you experienced that truth? How so? (Share)

Read Proverbs 22:9. Our giving, to God and others, is actually a measure of spiritual growth, because giving requires that we trust God to supply our needs. How have you seen that play out in your life or in the life of someone you know?

APPLICATION

Read Luke 12:48. It's easier to immediately look at those who are "rich" and think they should give more...but how do these words of Jesus resonate with you personally? How do you know when you're being "asked" to give more? How do you decide where to give, what to give, and how much to give?

While the tithe (1/10th) is an Old Testament command, it can be a good tool for Christians. However, we're each called to "be a cheerful giver" and Jesus essentially ups the expectation from a percentage to a way of life; to reflect God's generosity in every area.

Monte shared, "Generosity is similar to gratitude and being thankful. Sometimes we may not feel grateful or thankful but we choose to act that way and gratitude starts to flow. Giving thanks is the best way to develop a grateful heart. Likewise, the more we give, the more generous our hearts become."

Let's spend some time praying about how we can extend radical generosity this season to others and to the church.

PRAY

Read Luke 6:38 and have your group pray silently before closing out together; asking for guidance and boldness for each individual to take a tangible step in generosity.