



Northland Christian Church Group Discussion Guide For the Week of August 22, 2021

Use the questions below as a springboard for discussion. You do not have to answer every question. These are intended to help spark discussion. Refer to as needed. Ultimately we want God's answers, not man's opinions. Always land where God lands. (ex: Where do we see that in the Bible?) Give grace. Give time for growth. Don't force it.

Connect

- What's the most powerful story of generosity that you have ever experienced? What made it so impactful?

Engage the Bible - Read and Review Surprises, Takeaways, and Observations from:

Luke 16:10-15 and 2 Corinthians 8:9

The Context - More than Money

Jesus talked about money often. It came up often in his preaching and teaching. **Not because God wants something from you, but because God wants something for you.**

God has been on a radical mission to help set us free from the bondage of false narratives regarding money and life. It's more than money, it's about our heart. Giving breaks the power of money and connects our hearts to a loving and generous God and with His Kingdom work and story of redemption and reconciliation.

Discuss & Apply

Dave shared four mindsets regarding money and generosity with us this past Sunday. Two of these mindsets can be obstacles in our finances, while two of them can be powerful opportunities. Share them again with the group and discuss.

1. Selfish Mindset

- I want it, I deserve it, I earned it, I am entitled to it.

2. Scarcity Mindset

- There's not enough to live and there's not enough to give.

3. Faithful Mindset

- I am willing to give whatever is necessary.

4. Generous Mindset

- I am willing to give as much as possible.

1. What mindsets seemed to be in place most often during your growing up years?
2. Which mindsets resonate more in life today?
3. What situations influence which mindset becomes dominant in us?

READ Luke 12:15 and Matthew 6:25-33

4. How are these verses helpful in understanding our mindset around money and generosity?
5. What tempts you to worry financially instead of trusting? How can you seek God through your finances?

READ Mark 12:41-44

6. What does this story tell us about how Jesus sees generosity? Why is this significant in informing us how to view money and generosity?
7. How has God shown His generosity to us? How did Jesus display a life of generosity? (Read 2 Corinthians 8:9 & Matthew 20:28 for ideas)

READ 2 Corinthians 9:7

8. Why do you think God loves a cheerful giver? Do you consider yourself a cheerful giver?
9. What things help encourage being cheerful? What things can hinder giving cheerfully?
10. How does our generosity speak and testify to God's generosity?
11. How can you step out of your comfort zone and give generously this week?

End your group time in prayer.