

# THE WAY | GENEROSITY

## SERMON-BASED QUESTIONS

MARCH 7, 2021

### MY STORY

1. What is the worst job you have ever had? What made it so bad?

### IN REVIEW

From last week's "Taking it Home" section, who did you encourage with your words throughout the week? How did that affect you personally? Did it come easy to you or was it more of a challenge? What was your week like with being more aware of your words and thoughts? How did you process those by yourself and with the Lord?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Share your take away from Pastor John's message.
2. Read 1 Peter 4:7-11 and answer the following questions:
  - a. What is the main point of these verses?
  - b. Reread verses 8-10. Finish this sentence and explain why: *Service, through hospitality or giving, comes to me...*
    - i. ...naturally—I am hardwired to do it and love that I get to.
    - ii. ...out of obligation—I feel like I have to do it or am obligated to "return favors."
    - iii. ...unnaturally—I barely even think about it.
    - iv. ...(create your own).
  - c. When you serve, what is the posture of your heart? Do you do it for praise, affirmation, or reciprocation, or do you serve based on the overflow of Christ in you? Explain.

**CALL TO ACTION | WHEN YOU SERVE:** This week, as you are going about your day, be aware of opportunities to serve or love someone. Think outside the box—big or small.

2. Read Mark 10:35-45 and answer the following questions:
  - a. How does our view of “being first” differ from God’s view of “being first”?
  - b. Reread verse 44. What does “be a slave” mean to you?
  - c. Who has been an example of a “Christ-like servant” in your life? How has this person affected you?

**CALL TO ACTION | IN YOUR GROUP:** Take a few minutes to do this with your group: Practice being generous with *your* words by pointing out specific ways you see the people in your group serving and loving. Receive these words with gratitude!

3. Read Ephesians 2:8-10 and answer the following questions:
  - a. What word or phrase stands out most when you read these familiar verses?
  - b. If salvation is not based on good works, why do them?
  - c. Reread verse 10. According to this passage, God has created good works in advance for us. Are you aware or unaware of these “good works” God puts before you? How many of these “good works” do you think you miss or overlook?

**CALL TO ACTION | GOOD WORKS:** Take note, literally, of the “good works” God prepared you to walk in. Remember, being aware is half the battle.

## TAKING IT HOME

4. In one or two sentences, how are you going to practically put the “Call To Action” sections from above into practice this week?

**CALL TO ACTION | WHEN YOU SERVE:**

**CALL TO ACTION | GOOD WORKS:**