

## **Be Generous – Fight Materialism**

*Salty Series*

Discussion Questions

- **What do you think our culture view how Christians treat their possessions?**
  - Why do you think this is true? Is it a fair characterization?
  - What does it mean to be a nation of consumers?
  - How has consumerism and materialism impacted the church?
  
- **Read Proverbs 28:25, Mt. 23:25, and 1 Cor. 5:11**
  - How does the Bible regard greediness in these passages?
  - Why do you believe the sin of greed is so weighty in the eyes of the Bible?
  - How can it impact the testimony of Jesus in the world?
  
- **Read Matthew 6:19-21**
  - What is Jesus commanding here?
  - What is the difference between “treasures on earth” and “treasures in heaven”?
  - What else stands out to you about this passage?
  - Why does Jesus tie our heart to our treasure?
  
- **Read Luke 12:32-34**
  - What does Jesus add in this passage compared to Mt. 6?
  - Why is being generous (e.g., “giving to the needy”) a practical way we show the world how followers of Jesus see their possessions?
  - How is this different than the world?
  - Why is this such a “salty” way to live in the world?
  
- **Which gospel identity (citizen, family, missionary) is reflected in our generosity?**
  - How can the small group encourage each other to be generous?
  - What needs do you know about that the group might consider?