

# Worship Song

“The Lord Will Provide”  
(Passion, Landon Wolfe)

# IF YOU MUST LEAVE EARLY...

- Must let a leader know so they can go with you
- Do NOT use the North doors (doors closest to sanctuary)!
- Use the office entrance doors, the doors you came in through!





# ***THE HISTORICAL RELIABILITY OF THE GOSPELS***

Join us for an evening with  
Dr. Craig Blomberg,  
Distinguished Professor Emeritus of  
New Testament at Denver Seminary

***MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30PM-8:30PM***

***LIMITED SEATING! PLEASE RSVP AT  
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OR ON A CONNECT CARD***





# How Do I Grow as a Christian?

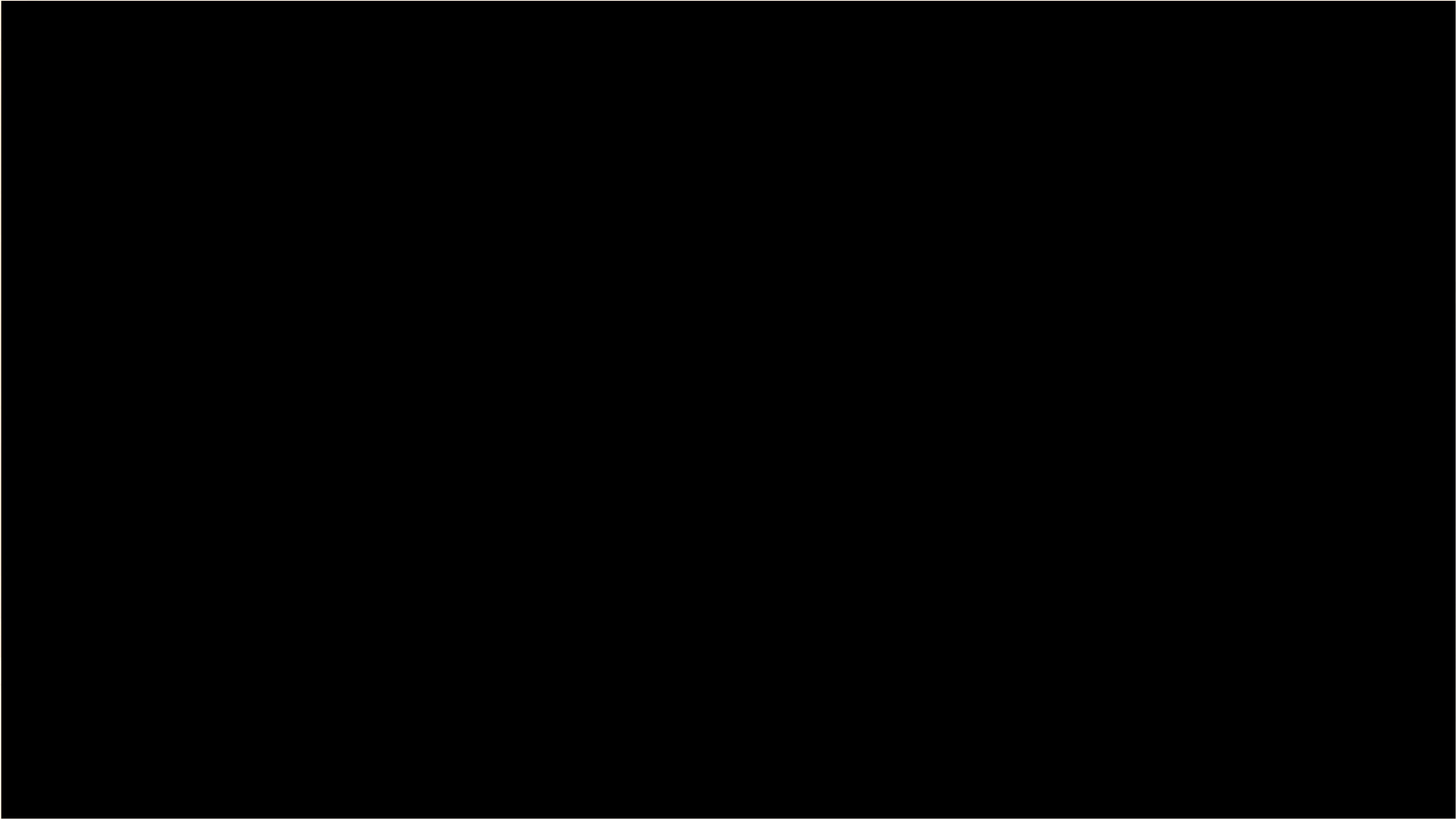
Spiritual Disciplines

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# Spiritual Disciplines

Christian practices that help us  
experience greater freedom  
from sin and greater intimacy  
with God

Those who have trusted in Jesus  
have been freed from the  
PENALTY of sin; but we are still  
being freed from the POWER of  
sin over the course of our lives.



# John 3:16 (CSB)

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Generosity

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

## 2 Corinthians 8:9 (CSB)

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For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

# Acts 20:35 (CSB)

Spiritual Disciplines:  
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“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” – Jesus

# BIG IDEA

Spiritual Disciplines:  
Generosity

There is more joy in living simply  
and giving generously than in  
acquiring money and possessions

# Outline

Spiritual Disciplines:  
Generosity

1. What is generosity?
2. Why should I be generous?
3. How do I start living generously?

# I. What is Generosity?

Spiritual Disciplines:  
Generosity

Generosity is giving your money, possessions and time away cheerfully, regularly, and sacrificially to advance God's Kingdom.

# 2 Corinthians 9:7 (CSB)

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Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver.

# Hebrews 12:2b (CSB)

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For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

# 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (CSB)

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<sup>17</sup>Instruct those who are rich in the present age not to be arrogant or to set their hope on the uncertainty of wealth, but on God, who richly provides us with all things to enjoy. <sup>18</sup>Instruct them to do what is good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share, <sup>19</sup>storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of what is truly life.

# Are you rich?

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In 2018, the World Bank reported that almost half of the world's population – 3.4 billion people at the time – lived on less than \$5.50 a day. About the amount of a cup of coffee in the US.

About a quarter of the planet's people, around 1.9b people, made do on \$3.20 a day.

## 2 Corinthians 8:3-4 (CSB)

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<sup>3</sup>I can testify that, according to [the Macedonian churches'] ability and even beyond their ability, of their own accord, <sup>4</sup>they begged us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints...

## II. Why Should I Be Generous?

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1. To guard against greed

# Luke 12:15 (CSB)

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He then told them, “Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because one’s life is not in the abundance of his possessions.”

# 1 Timothy 6:6, 8 (CSB)

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“Godliness with contentment is great gain...If we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.”

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1. To guard against greed
2. To remind us that everything we have comes from God

# Deuteronomy 8:18 (CSB)

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<sup>18</sup>...but remember that the Lord your God gives you the power to gain wealth, in order to confirm his covenant he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

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3. To experience what it actually means to be “blessed”

# Acts 20:35 (CSB)

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# 2 Corinthians 9:12 (CSB)

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For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

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4. To see God come through for you in miraculous ways!

# 2 Corinthians 9:6, 8 (CSB)

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<sup>6</sup>The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously... <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work.

# Proverbs 11:24 (CSB)

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One person gives freely, yet gains more; another withholds what is right, only to become poor.

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5. To store up permanent treasure in heaven

# Luke 12:33-34(CSB)

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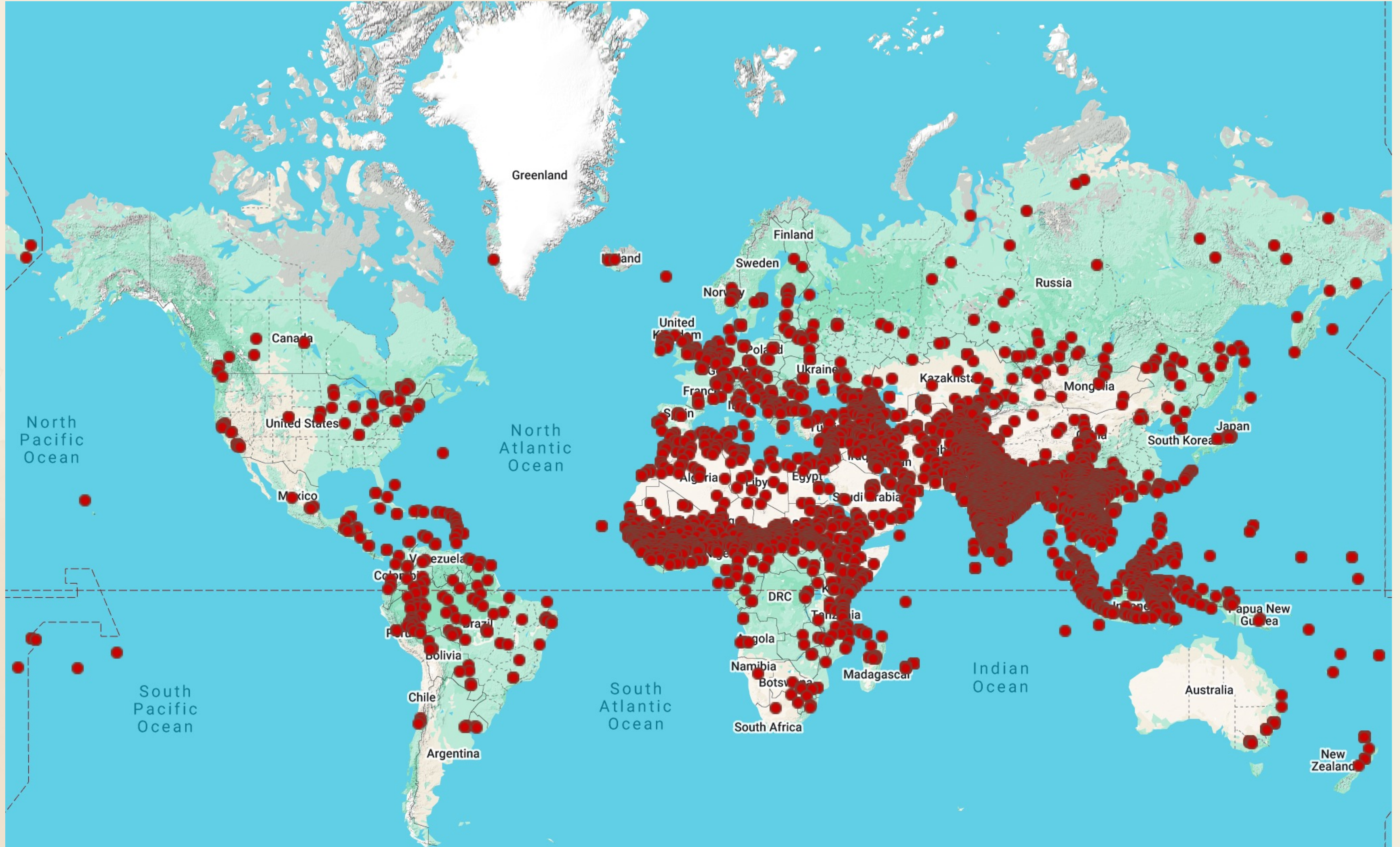
<sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give to the poor. <sup>34</sup>Make money-bags for yourselves that won't grow old, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

# III. How can I start living generously?

Spiritual Disciplines:  
Generosity

## Where should I start?

1. Your local church
2. The poor
  - A place that is helping holistically (physically and spiritually)
  - Rescue Mission
3. The spread of the gospel
  - Missionaries, agencies on front lines
  - [Joshuaproject.net](http://Joshuaproject.net)



# III. How can I start living generously?

## When should I start?

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1. Start giving now, even if it's small!
  - If you aren't generous when you have a little, you won't all of a sudden be generous when you have a lot

# III. How can I start living generously?

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How do I start? *Make a plan!*

1. Get a budget app if you have a bank account (Mint or EveryDollar)
  - Link your bank account
  - See where your money is going
  - Create a “generosity” category
  - If you don’t have a bank account, get an envelope out and write “generosity” on it

# III. How can I start living generously?

Spiritual Disciplines:  
Generosity

How do I start? *Make a plan!*

2. Sit down and ask “how much money am I making a month?”
  - Can still do this even if you don’t have a job
3. Ask: “what would be a generous amount for me to give on a monthly basis?”
  - Could be \$5! Could be \$100!

# III. How can I start living generously?

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How do I start? *Make a plan!*

4. What changes do you need to make in order to start giving that amount?
  - Not eating out as often?
  - Not paying for that DLC?
  - Not buying as many lattes?
5. Be creative – what can you sell and then give away?

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## How much should I give?

1. NT doesn't give a command here.
2. OT gives a principle: the tithe (one tenth of income)
  - Tithing is a good goal to reach to be generous – work your way up to 10%!
3. Generosity is not limited to just 10%!

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