

Practices of the Way-Generosity

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Warming Up

Share with the group some of the practices you are working on? What seems to be working? What practices have been challenging for you? (prayer, community, study, fasting, sabbath, solitude, witness, generosity...to name a few)

What stood out to you from the message on the Practice of Generosity?

Digging Deeper

The American Dream...the Western formula for success is—“*more money equals more happiness*”. How is this working or not working in your life?

Have you ever experienced what Jesus said, “*It is more blessed to give than receive.*”? (Acts 20:35)

Read Luke 12:32-34. What do we learn about generosity from this passage? Why is generosity so challenging?

Jesus spent a lot of time talking about money, yet he didn’t really seem to have expenses or a big ministry that needed funding. Why do you think he talked about money so much if he didn’t need it?

How can your relationship with money affect your spiritual growth...your transformation into becoming like Jesus?

Read Luke 11:33-42. “*Your eye is the lamp of your body*”...your relationship to money will determine your perspective about life. If an **abundance mentality** and a **scarcity mentality** were on a straight-line continuum, where would you fall? In other words, are you more of an “abundance mentality” or “scarcity”?

Do you agree that your relationship to money affects every area of your life from inside to out? Why or why not?

How does money feed our greed? Our fear?

How can we steward wealth without it ruining our soul? How can generosity shape the “*inner architecture of our heart*”?

Bringing it Home

What are some baby steps you can make to be more generous? Share some ideas with one another. What are some starting points to begin this practice.

Pray for one another.