



Bible study for the week starting July 31, 2022

SHARE

1. Who is the most generous person you know, and why? (If you don't want to list names, give a description of why? Remember, generosity is often financial, but it can also come in the currency of time, attention, or service.

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read **Acts 4:32-37**. This is a description of Christian community, along the lines of the description at the end of Acts 2. When you put both readings together, what's the picture you get of life in the early church?
3. If your attitude is truly, "everything I have is on loan from God," what will change in how you live?
4. One of our favorite gods is financial; it's why Jesus spent so much time talking about it. Read **Luke 16:10-17**. What kind of wisdom did Jesus have for those who were "lovers of money?"
5. Read **2 Corinthians 8:1-9**. What's the picture of generosity you hear about the Christians in Corinth? What would it look like in your life to "excel in the grace of giving?"
6. Many of us don't love talking about giving at church or anywhere, for that matter. How can we talk about it in a productive manner? What happens if we just avoid talking about it?

PRAY

7. God's design is that we would be a reflection of His image and His heart. Pray about the "growth areas" where you might better be a reflection of His generous spirit. Pray also for any other needs or requests.



The Marks of the Church: We Did the Best We Could...

Acts 4:32-37

July 31, 2022 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

“The full number of those who believed were of one HEART and SOUL, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had EVERYTHING in common.”
-Acts 4:32

Christian COMMUNITY as God intended it.

“And great GRACE was upon them all.”

Jesus was wise enough to know one of our favorite gods is FINANCIAL.

Barnabus = “son of ENCOURAGEMENT”

God doesn’t want your money; He’ll settle for your HEART, SOUL, STRENGTH, and MIND.

4 Stages of Giving:

1. The ROOKIE Giver
2. The RELATIVE Giver
3. The RELATIONAL Giver
4. The RADICAL Giver

Where do you think this starts? TWO THUMBS

For next week, read Acts 5:1-11.