

Questions for eGroup Discussion

The Heart of Generosity

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

Describe a time you did something to bless or encourage another person that cost you something (perhaps not financially), and the experience ministered to you in some way. *

What made you do this, and how did this experience impact your heart in the process?

**We realize this could be awkward in sharing, but we see it as an opportunity to enter into the heart of this week's focus together.*

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite the Holy Spirit to Speak to You and to Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read Luke 12:32-34 aloud two times, in a couple different Bible versions, if possible.

As you listen/read, what stands out to you from these verses, or stood out to you from this week's message on these verses?

In summary, what do these verses teach us about God, our relationship with Him, and our participation with Him in the spiritual growth process?

In his message this weekend on these verses, Pastor Alan shared three specific things that Jesus urges us to set our heart upon to cultivate generosity as a more instinctive way of life:

The Abundance of the Kingdom (verse 32; Luke 6:38)

What does it mean that God has given us the Kingdom?

Considering this, why is it important that we look at our resources more from a Kingdom perspective than from a "pie chart mentality?"

What might it look like for a person to give from a Kingdom perspective? Be specific.

Embrace the Gospel Continued

The Needs of Others (verse 33a)

How does setting our heart upon the needs of others impact our experience of generosity?

Given the number of financial appeals we all experience, what do you think God would say to help us navigate the question of where to direct our giving?

Our Rewards in Heaven (verse 33b-34)

What keeps us from living with eternity in view as it relates to investing in treasure in heaven?

What does verse 34 mean?

Application: *What Is God Saying to Us/Me?*

How fully do you live with eternity in view when it comes to your finances?

Why is it so challenging for us to do so?

Do you view your finances through a pie chart mentality or a kingdom mentality?

What impact does your answer have on your experience of generosity?

How do you personally wrestle with the number of donation requests you receive?

In filtering opportunities, how do you determine what Jesus would say is His biggest priority?

From this week's message and eGroup discussion, what's one thing you believe the Holy Spirit most wants you to hear and respond to? What's the next step in you following-through on this?

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: Ask for God's Help in Living Out His Word

As you pray for one another this week, begin by thanking God for His provision, and specific ways in which the abundance of His Kingdom has been given to eGroup members. Also pray for group members to respond to the Spirit's promptings to grow in cultivating a lifestyle of generosity.

When you're done, spend time praying for specific needs and concerns for one another this week, as well as your response to any spiritual stirrings that are on your hearts.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community compassionately moves outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways.

What are some of the ways you see this vision being lived out through your eGroup? Who are the people with whom you're in relationship that God is enabling you to connect with for His purposes? What are the opportunities you're involved with together to advance this vision? If it's been awhile since you've discussed this, why not do so this week, inviting God to open your eyes to the people and passions you share to take the next step, as prompted by Him?



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