

The Theology of Giving

LEGACY SERIES | RESCUE HOUSE CHURCH

BIG IDEA: Legacy is what lives on after you. A legacy life is one that gives itself away so others can find theirs. Generosity is not simply about what we give; it is about who we are becoming through the example of Jesus.

1. WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY?

2 Corinthians 9:6–8 Psalm 112:5–6 Matthew 10:8

Acts 20:35 John 3:16

1. What stands out to you about the connection between generosity and the legacy we leave behind?
2. What does it mean to live a life where your life lives on through others?

2. WHY WE GIVE

Three Reasons We Don't Give:

- We don't give to GET.
- We don't give out of GUILT.
- We don't give for GLORY.

Three Reasons We Give:

1. Because Jesus gave to me first.
2. Because it is more blessed to give than to receive.
3. Because I am in covenant with God and with you.

Discuss:

1. Which of the three wrong motivations for giving do you think people are most susceptible to? Why?
2. How does remembering what Jesus has given us change our perspective on generosity?



3. Acts 20:35 says it is more blessed to give than receive. When have you experienced the joy of giving yourself, your time, or your resources to someone else?
4. What does it look like to recognize that we are part of something bigger than ourselves?

3. GENEROSITY IS A LIFESTYLE

Matthew 10:8 (MSG)

Discuss:

1. When you hear the word generosity, what is the first thing that comes to mind? Has that definition changed through this message?
2. What are some practical ways we can be generous outside of financial giving?
3. What tends to keep us from living generously? Fear, comfort, busyness, insecurity, or something else?
4. Who has generously invested in your life, and how has that investment shaped who you are today?

4. TWO WAYS WE GIVE: TITHES & OFFERINGS

Malachi 3:8–10

Mark 12:41–44

- The Tithe: The first 10%.
- Offerings: Giving above and beyond the tithe.

Discuss:

1. What do you learn about the heart of God from the story of the widow's offering?
2. Why is it important that generosity comes from a willing heart rather than guilt or pressure?
3. What makes it difficult for people to put God first in their finances?
4. How can we become more intentional about managing what God has entrusted to us?

5. LIVING A LEGACY

Joshua 1:6–11



Judges 2:6, 10

Discuss:

1. What do you hope your children, grandchildren, or the people closest to you will remember about the way you lived?
2. What is the difference between building something that bears your name and building something that impacts generations?
3. What are you intentionally passing down to the next generation about faith, generosity, and following Jesus?
4. What is one thing you could begin doing today that would make a difference in someone else's tomorrow?

6. PERSONAL APPLICATION: WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

1. If someone described your life in one word, what would you hope that word would be?
2. Does the way you currently spend your time, energy, and resources reflect the legacy you want to leave?
3. What is one practical way you can live more generously this week?
4. Who is one person you can intentionally invest in so that they can grow closer to Jesus?

7. PRAYER & NEXT STEPS

As we prepare for the Legacy Offering on December 6, take time over these next several weeks to pray, talk with your family, and ask God what He is placing on your heart.

Remember, the goal is not pressure or comparison. It is intentional, cheerful, and generous participation.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK:

Identify one person you can bless this week through an intentional act of generosity. Give your time, encouragement, resources, or service without expecting anything in return.