LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message Series: Behold
Message Title: Behold Generosity
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UP NEXT

- **re|engage** - Registration for next semester's re|engage class is now open. No marriage is perfect, but yours could be better. Visit reality.church/reengage.

- **Financial Peace University** - Also starting in January is our next Financial Peace University class. Mark your calendars. If your Life Group would like to take it together on your normal meeting night, in your normal meeting spot, you can do so. Please email robert.conn@reality.church for more information.

- **Behold The Lamb of God** - The Worship Team invites you to come out on Friday, December 15th to hear them perform the story of Christmas in song. Bring a friend and enjoy a great night of music. This free concert begins at 6:30pm.

- **Christmas Eve Services** - Join us at one of our Christmas Eve Services Sunday, December 24th. Service times will be 9:00am, 10:45am, 3:00pm, and 4:30pm.

- **Junior High Need** - Chaos, our Junior High ministry will hosting a Gingerbread House build off. If you would like to help provide the kits or other supplies they would greatly appreciate it. Please drop off these supplies by Sunday, December 17th in the Lobby.

MAIN IDEA

We get...to give

INTRODUCTION

- Jesus talked about money more than He talked about Heaven. He knew how closely we hold on to that which we assume is ours. He knew that our hearts are closely tied to the security and safety that money can seemingly offer us.

DISCUSSION

- Describe a situation where it is incredible easy for you to be generous.

- Conversely, describe a situation where it is incredible difficult for you to be generous.

- What's the most generous thing anyone have ever done for you? *(Jesus dying on the cross for you does not count)*.

- Have someone read **(Psalm 37:21)**

    - What are some ways to change our natural habits of self-centeredness and selfishness and begin to develop the skill and habit of being more God-like and generous?

- Have someone read **(Matthew 6:19-21)**

    - How can this verse change how you currently live?

- **2 Corinthians 8:12** says, *"For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have."*

  - What does this verse mean to you as you consider your level of giving?

  - Our attitude and willingness when giving is what is important to God. What are some examples of how this type of attitude would be recognizable in a person who is being authentically generous?

- Have someone read **(2 Corinthians 9:7-8)**

  - Why are people sometimes reluctant to give voluntarily and/or cheerfully?

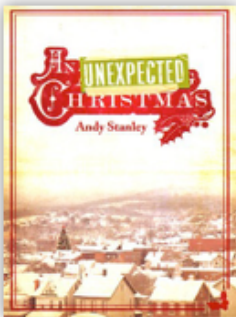## APPLY IT ....

- **Simplify** - remember borrowing money/charging everything is withdrawing from your future happiness.

- **Strategize** - create a plan when it comes to generosity. Don't allow greed to be your default way of living.
  - Consider taking Financial Peace University (beginning January 16th).

- **Sacrifice** - Start giving today, or increase your giving starting today.

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RECOMMENDED CHRISTMAS RESOURCE

AN UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS - by Andy Stanley

Shake any family tree and you never know what kind of people might fall out. Let's face it; we all have an uncle or cousin we whisper about behind closed doors. We all have a relative or two we try to avoid at family gatherings. No surprise there. But here's something you may not know. Jesus had a few shady characters in his family as well. Actually, he had some relatives that make your most wayward cousin look like a saint.

In this 5-part series, Andy Stanley introduces us to a few of these colorful characters and the role they play in the Christmas story.

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