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“No one has ever become poor by giving.”
Anne Frank

EARTHLY TO HEAVENLY

- Would your friends describe you as a generous person?
- Are you a saver or spender? Are you a giver or taker?
- Why is it more blessed to give than to receive?

READ: Matthew 6:1-34

- What would Jesus say is the difference between an earthly heart and a heavenly heart?
- What did Jesus want the disciples to know about heavenly rewards? (How do we earn them and how do we lose them?)
- What is the relationship between prayer, fasting, giving to the poor, and serving God?
- What did Jesus mean about where your heart is at, there will be your treasure as well?
- In what ways do you potentially serve money?

READ: 1 Timothy 6:17-18

- Do you consider yourself to be rich? Do you think Paul would consider you to be rich? What does it look like to set our hope on our riches? Why is that a bad idea?
- How does putting our hope in God inspire us to be generous? Give some practical ways that Christians can be rich in good works? How do Christians prepare themselves to be ready to share?

- What are the long-term benefits of being generous? What are the consequences of not? How does generosity impact your heart?

READ: Acts 20:35

- These are some of the only recorded words of Jesus that Paul shared in his ministry. How did Jesus's words on giving influence Paul's perspective on ministry and generosity? Is this principle of Jesus true in your own life? What type of blessings is Jesus talking about? Give an example of feeling blessed when you gave generously to someone else?

READ: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

- What does Paul want the Corinth church to know about giving? What is the relationship between grace, giving, and generosity? Does our banking account have a bearing on our generosity, why or why not? Do you tend to give to the church beyond your means? How does one know if they are excelling in the giving?

READ: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8:

- What is the principle that Paul wants us to believe in? When it comes to giving what does it look like to sow sparing or generously? How does the process of deciding in your heart on what to give look like for us today in the church? Does this verse support a tithe (10%)? God wants us to give with a hilarious (cheerful or glad heart). What does it look like to give cheerfully?

READ: Proverbs 3:9-10:

- How does a give-first mentality impact our generosity? How does one honor the Lord with their wealth? Notice the phrase ALL YOUR PRODUCE. What are some of the ways we as Christians try to avoid honoring the Lord with all our wealth? How does give-first relate to trusting the Lord with all our heart.

NEXT STEP: *Live on 80%, safe 10% and give 10%*