

Seaside Church // Study Guide

11.4 | Gospel Generosity

Summary

Do you want to be a generous person? Most of us would answer, “yes” to that question. We all know that being generous is a good thing. Yet we struggle because we are often selfish and want to keep what we have. Yet there is great joy in giving! This was a simple message on how the gospel motivates us to give. The main point is that because God has been generous to us we get to be generous to others.

Group Questions

- Share something from the message or passage that surprised, encouraged, or troubled you.
- Begin by having a few people in the group talk about what it has meant for them to give to Seaside and/or other churches they’ve been a part of in the past.
- Also discuss this question, “Why is it hard for us to give?”
- Read 2 Corinthians 9.5-15. Have someone summarize the basic context of this passage.
- Paul uses a farming analogy to talk about giving. What is his main point here?
- Discuss verse 7. What is the basic instruction given in that verse? Why is giving from the heart so important?
- As we give generously and cheerfully what does v8-11 seem to promise?
- The main point of this message is that because God has been generous to us by giving “his inexpressible gift” (v15) we can be generous to others. Discuss this. Have you found it true for yourself? Why/Why not?
- What other comments or questions do you have about giving which weren’t covered in the message?

Prayer Point

What is the condition of your heart in giving? Are you giving cheerfully? Are you giving generously? If not why not? If so, why? (Why would you give your hard earned money to the Lord? Use this time to praise him because he’s worthy and good!) Pray through these questions and perhaps discuss them briefly as you lead into your prayer time.

For Families with Kids

Discuss with your kids why you give even how much you give to Seaside. Encourage them and teach them to give as well.

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