NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

BE GENEROUS: GIVE ALL YOU CAN

SERMON SUMMARY

This sermon challenges us to “Give All You Can” by trusting God with what He has placed in our hands rather than allowing money to control our lives. Through the story of the widow in 1 Kings 17 and Paul's teaching in 2 Corinthians 8, we see that generosity isn't about giving everything we have, but putting God first, trusting Him to provide, and recognizing that He can do more with what we offer than we could ever imagine. Ultimately, we give because God gave everything for us through Jesus, and the greatest thing we can give Him isn't what's in our hands—it's our lives.

KEY POINTS

- **We underestimate what God can do with what we already have.**
    - God sees potential in what we see as insufficient. What we place in His hands can accomplish more than we could ever imagine.
- What we release reveals what we trust.
    - Generosity requires us to loosen our grip on our resources and trust God as our source rather than relying on money as our security.
- **It's hard to give all you can because of all you carry.**
    - Financial responsibilities, lifestyle choices, debt, and the pressure of tomorrow can make generosity feel impossible.
- Giving all you can doesn't mean giving all you have.
    - Biblical generosity requires wisdom and stewardship, not financial irresponsibility.
    - We give according to what we have, not what we don't have.
- Put God first and trust Him with the rest.
    - Generosity is a response to what God has already given us.
    - We give because Jesus gave Himself for us, and ultimately, God wants our hearts before He wants what's in our hands.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What do you currently have that you might be underestimating? How could God use what He's already placed in your hands to make a difference in someone else's life?**
2. **What does your generosity reveal about what you trust? Is it easier for you to trust God with your finances when you have plenty or when things feel tight? Why?**
3. **What are some things you find yourself carrying financially or personally that make generosity difficult? Are there things you've taken on that might be keeping you from having margin to give?**
4. **What's the difference between giving all you can and giving all you have? How can we practice sacrificial generosity while still exercising wisdom and responsibility?**
5. **If God wants to be first in every area of our lives, what would it look like to put Him first in our finances? What is one practical step you could take this week to live more generously?**