

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sacred Practices: Generosity

Prov. 11:24-25; Luke 6:37-38; Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:6-8, 11

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Part 1: Pray

Every time we study God's word, we should ask God to give us the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts, teach us and mold us into who he created us to be. Ask God to reveal his truth to transform you through your discussion time.

Part 2: Read the Text

Read the passage(s) from the sermon and take note of its truths about God, who we are as his people and what's required to follow him.

Part 3: Reflect on the Sermon

Introduction

1. What was your experience with generosity growing up - how was generosity modeled for you? What about in the raising of your kids?
2. Generosity is one of the greatest Christian apologetics? What does this mean and what makes it true?

Sacred Practices: The Paradox of Generosity

1. Jesus said it is more blessed to give than receive. How have you found this to be true? What is the significance of Jesus being the one to say those words?
2. Brandon said that we were created to be generous. Discuss what this means and what the implications of it are.

3. Brandon quoted that, “A selfish man is never rich” and that if we want to be rich, if we want the rich life, then we need to give freely. Reflect on this.

Sacred Practices: The Practice of Generosity

1. Brandon discussed four areas where God calls us to be generous. Take time to discuss examples within each of these categories - Resources, Time, Words and Forgiveness.
2. In which of the previously mentioned categories do you struggle to be generous? Why?
3. Discuss what it means that, “Our forgiveness is the power of the gospel?”

Sacred Practices: The Power for Generosity

1. What is the greatest obstacle to personal generosity for you? What is the only thing that can change the shortage of generosity in our hearts?

2. Why is the love of Christ so transformational? What has been a personal experience of grace (unmerited favor) from your own life?

Part 4: Summarize the Message

How would you summarize the sermon to someone who has never heard it? What are your two or three key takeaways from the message and your discussion?

How does this sermon change your perspective on God? Your own heart? And/or, how to follow him?