



Hello Home Group Leaders!

Hopefully, all of you will know that this Sunday is our annual Grace Picnic. As a result, there are no sermon notes for discussion. Instead, we will offer two options:

1. If you meet every other week or missed a discussion from the past two sermons ("Seek First the Kingdom", or "Get Shrewd?"), then we recommend you review the sermon notes and discuss them with your group.
2. Alternatively, below, we want to offer you a guided conversation that you can have with your group around the topic of generosity.

We hope you have a fruitful time with your group this week and look forward to continuing with our sermon notes next week.

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For Discussion

In light of our current series on generosity, watch this short lecture from Tim Keller given to Generous Giving volunteers and then discuss with your group.

<https://generousgiving.org/tim-keller-the-gospel-grace-and-giving/>

If you would like to be inspired, I also encourage you to watch this short story:

<https://generousgiving.org/john-and-nia-davenport/>

Acts 20:32-37

"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. 34 You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. 35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

36 When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. 37 They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him.



Discussion Questions

1. Keller says that money reveals the idols of our heart. What does your pattern of spending and giving reveal about what you love and trust most?
2. When you think about giving more generously, what emotions rise within you? (i.e. fear, reluctance, joy, resistance)
3. How does the gospel of grace change the motivation and posture behind our giving?
4. From the second video, consider the river principle that John lives by. What is your gut reaction to this idea? Are you inspired? Does it sound foolish or naive? Could you, or do you, live your life with such a posture? I encourage you to appreciate the tension between responsible financial stewardship and radical generosity that we all feel, and extend grace to one another as you share honestly.