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Surprisingly Simple – Generosity

Review – Matthew 6:19-21

Reflect

1. **Read Matthew 6:19-21.**
2. Why generosity is beautiful. (the story of the family in a college town)
 - Do you have any stories of when you received a wonderful gift from someone and felt “seen,” “valued,” or “treasured?” Why are these feelings beautiful?
3. Why generosity is difficult. (verses 19-24)
 - Do you consider yourself a spender or a saver? Explain.
 - Read 1 Timothy 6:9-10. How does a selfish approach to wealth affect our well-being? Have you ever learned this lesson “the hard way?”
4. Why generosity is possible.
 - Consider the context of today’s passage (the Lord’s Prayer, the lilies of the field, and how Jesus lived). Why is a child-like view of Jesus necessary in order to be generous? (For further study, see 1 Timothy 6: 17-19 and 1 Corinthians 8:6).
 - How does Paul encourage Timothy about the importance and benefits of living generously 1 Timothy 6:17-19?
5. Why it Makes Jesus Famous (Acts 2)

Respond

Here are some possible next steps

1. Pick up a Thanksgiving Basket!
2. How do your spending habits stack up with the national average (93% of income spent before paycheck comes)? Go to our Financial Ministry (ccchapel.com/financial-ministry) to find out how to maximize what God has given you for his glory.

Pray

Ask for prayer requests and take time to pray together as a group. Pray and ask God to help you and your group be generous!

Announcements

Challenge your community group to serve by the end of 2020.

Some ways to serve could be taking part in our annual Thanksgiving Baskets, helping a family in need, or connecting with a local ministry partner. An added bonus, be sure to watch for the Just Because initiative being announced soon!