



Value Statements: “There is joy in generosity”

Getting Started

What is the most generous gift you ever received?

What is the most generous gift you ever gave?

How have you experienced the truth of this statement in your life

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

Going Deeper

Read the following generosity quotes. Which one resonates most with you?

Generosity is what keeps the things I own from owning me. - Eugene Cho

Generosity: The habit of giving freely without expecting anything in return. -Unknown

We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give. -Winston Churchill

The heart that gives, gathers. -Tao Te Ching

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us: what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal. -Albert Pike

God asks us to be generous in two ways. Let’s take a moment to look at both of them

1) God says join me in my work in the church

Read the following verses and discuss how God wants us to support our church

[Leviticus 27:30-32](#)

[Numbers 18:21-24](#)

Definitions:

Tithe= a tenth.

Levite = someone who works in the house of God

How does our money represent our priorities?

2) God says join me in my work in the world

Read the following verses and discuss how God wants us to be generous in the world.

[Proverbs 22:9](#)

[Luke 11:41](#)

[Psalm 112:5,9](#)

Read [Deuteronomy 15:7-11](#). Take a moment to discuss what you think are the differences between living tight fisted and open handed?

God says to give to the poor. He doesn't say to judge the poor. That's a hard call. Why is giving without judgement so difficult for most people?

Read the following verses and discuss how God promises to bless the generous

[Psalm 37:21-22, 25-26](#)

[Psalm 112:6-9](#)

[Proverbs 11:25](#)

[2 Corinthians 9:6-11](#)

Have you experienced a moment where you gave and experienced the joy of generosity?

Take a minute to pray with your group about the role that generosity will play in your life as you move forward.