



SALEM
SMALL GROUPS

generosity



Reference: Luke 10:25-37

May 16-May 21

INTRODUCTION

These next few weeks we will be discussing one of the most talked about topics in the Bible: Generosity. This week we will be talking about how we must live with an open hand. We will be looking at three approaches to generosity.

ICE BREAKER

What is the most awkward gift you have ever given or received?

QUESTIONS

- 1) Winston Churchill said “We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.” What do you think he meant by this? Do you agree?
- 2.) The first approach to generosity is one of a thief. Thieves believe that what’s yours is mine and I’m going to take it! Read Proverbs 10:2, what are some ways that people still gather treasure through wicked or dishonest means?
- 3.) Pastor John talked about how we at times are tempted to steal from God. One of the ways we can do this is by not stewarding our finances according to His instructions. What are some ways that you are tempted to manage money according to your ideals and not God’s?
- 4.) Read Luke 10:31-32; the response of the priest and the Levite reveals our second approach to generosity. We can be Selfish by believing what’s mine is mine and I’m going to keep it. What areas in your life are you most likely to exhibit selfishness in?
- 5.) Pastor John discussed some possible excuses for our selfishness. One of those he highlighted was the excuse of the “what if.” What if questions will always push us towards fear if we allow them to take root. What are some what if questions that keep you from being selfless at times?
- 6.) The last approach we can take is to be generous. This mindset requires us to believe what’s mine is God’s and I’m going to give it. Read Luke 10:33-35, what are the ways the man was generous with his resources? (Hint: He was generous with more than just his money)
- 7.) Pastor John gave us some tips on how to start being generous. One of those tips is to make giving a priority. We can always find an excuse to delay our generosity but as Pastor John stated generosity begins where you are. After our discussions this week how can you be more generous starting now?
- 8.) St. Augustine remarked that there are similarities between Jesus and the Good Samaritan. How does Jesus exemplify and further the message of the Good Samaritan?