

RECAP

In last weeks sermon, Rob's invitation was to reflect on the most "transcendent gift ever given," Jesus himself, who died for all humanity. "Generosity poured out in a provision unlike any other. He generously gave to us first - extravagantly!"

- **Were there moments this past week you found yourself reflecting on God's generosity?**
- **Were there any opportunities to share that generosity with others?**

If so, share those experiences with your Life Group.

IDEA 1

- **What's your initial reaction when the topic of money comes up at church?**
- **Why do you think nearly a fourth of what Jesus' teaching focused on was about money and possessions?**

Read Matthew 6:19-34

Jesus is saying how we view money and possessions - is the lens, the lamp - from which so much is let in - and in turn, much outward action flows.

- **How does your view of money and possessions fill your interior life? What do the inner conversations with yourself sound like when you think about these things?**
- **How do these thoughts about money and possessions shape the way that you live and interact with those around you?**

IDEA 2

"Don't overlook this plot line through all of Scripture - an Abundant GIVING God and Stingy TAKING enemy. "

- **Where do you see evidence of a Scarcity mindset in your life? Where do you struggle to trust God's abundant provision?**
- **Where do you see evidence of an Abundant mindset in your life? What do you find helps strengthen your trust in God's abundant provision?**

"Living in abundance and being generous with what we've been given leads to unexpected peace"

- **What does it look like for you to practice generosity?**
- **Have you ever seen generosity in your life lead to unexpected peace? If so, share with your Life Group**

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Spend some time together reflect on God's abundance that surrounds you.

- **Where have you seen God provide for you?**
- **Where have you seen expressions of his generosity towards you?**

If you have access to butcher paper or a whiteboard, have people from your Life Group write these things down on there and read through them aloud as a collective act of praise to our generous God.

NEXT STEPS

Prayerfully reflect on the following questions below as you discern how God might be inviting you to respond to the sermon this week:

- **What might it look like for you this week to take a next step in trusting God's abundant provision?**
- **What might it look like for you to practice generosity to the point it is uncomfortable?**
- **How could you test God in their area of your money and possessions as you give generously?**