

RECAP

As you processed justice as evangelism, how did God invite you to join Him in that this last week? What did you notice about yourself and others?

IDEA 1

What messages do you constantly hear about money from the world around you, good or bad?

What does generosity mean to you?

In his introduction to generosity as evangelism, Brian said, “Sometimes we hide behind what is reasonable and it keeps us from doing what is righteous.”

What is your reaction to that statement?

IDEA 2

Brian highlighted three things in regards to generosity as evangelism: our Mindset, our Motivation, and our Mission.

Brian pointed out that in 2 Corinthians 9:7 our mindset is clearly laid out: not reluctantly, or in response to pressure, but cheerfully.

What mindset(s) do you typically have around this topic? What would you like your mindset to be?

Courageous generosity is difficult because it hides behind a lot of things that are true and reasonable: hard work, planning, saving, thoughtfulness, etc. These are good, reasonable, and necessary. Yet, the Gospel reminds us that our identity is not our net worth. It isn't our bank account or our social status, our stuff, our titles, etc. We are defined by what has been done for us not by what we do. Generosity is a sign that we understand the Gospel of grace. It was freely given to us and so we freely give.

How can adjusting our motivation help us as we learn to engage in courageous generosity?

IDEA 2 CONT.

Old Testament scholar, Bruce Waltke, says “The righteous are willing to disadvantage themselves to advantage the community; the wicked are willing to disadvantage the community to advantage themselves”

Often, we lose power to gain influence so that we can be a part of expanding the borders of God’s kingdom: bringing light to dark places, bringing access to those who have never heard.

How can courageous generosity be an act of evangelism? What could it look like in your life?

EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

This may have brought up some areas in your life where Holy Spirit is stirring conviction (not condemnation).

Take some time to come to the Lord in prayer, confessing the areas where we have not expressed courageous generosity.

Then take some time to pray prayers of courage over each other in this area as well.

PRACTICE THIS WEEK

Brian shared the story of Tyndale and Monmouth. He ended by saying, “Not everyone can be Tyndale, but we can all be Monmouth.”

When we give, host, sacrifice, serve, and share—in seen and unseen ways—we are demonstrating and declaring the Gospel, and we are changing the world.

What is one small step you could take this week to show courageous generosity?