

It's All About the Heart

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Review

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Key Scriptures: Matthew 7:1–2; Luke 6:37–38; Deuteronomy 15:14

Discuss

1. When you think of giving or being generous what is the first thing that comes to your mind? If you could think of one person who exemplifies generosity, who would it be and why?
2. What does having a heart of gratitude mean to you?
3. What are some reasons we struggle with selfishness before we give or grieve after we give?
4. Why do you think God invented giving?
5. Why does God care about the attitude of our hearts?
6. How can giving reflect the condition of our hearts?
7. Take a moment and ask God what He may want you to give. This may include your time, talent, an attitude of your heart, or forgiveness. Whatever God puts on your heart, commit this area to Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you surrender.
8. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Takeaway

As we conclude, remember the following:

- God wants us to deal with our selfish hearts.
- God wants us to deal with our grieving hearts.
- God wants us to develop a generous heart.
- God wants us to develop a grateful heart.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us be joyful and generous in every area of our lives. We are grateful for everything You have already done in our lives and for everything You are still going to do. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Leader Tip

Pastor Robert's teaching is especially impactful because he shares personal stories and his experiences with God. As the leader use your personal testimony to share about your experiences with giving or surrendering areas of selfishness. This is an effective way to build trust and connection with group members.

Group Dynamics Idea

Remember the discussion time is a vital part of your small group, and you must facilitate and manage it. Gauge the room and how others may or may not be connecting. Redirect people who talk a lot and try to engage the quieter members while being sensitive to their levels of comfortability. You may even want to start the discussion time by sharing your hope that everyone will have a chance to share, and you may at times redirect the conversation to include everyone.