

Study Guide- Sunday June 1st, 2014
Legacy-Generosity

The purpose of this study guide is to be a tool for ABF and small group leaders to follow the sermon series with their group. We encourage you to use this guide as a starting point. Feel free to expand and facilitate discussion based on what's best for your group. Our goal is that leaders will use this guide to make wholehearted followers of Christ by going deeper and applying it for life change in their group.

We are continuing the sermon series called "LEGACY."
Review from last week's message.

- What did you take away from last week's message on legacy and being a servant?

The scripture for this Sunday is Luke 21:1-4

Building a legacy of generosity.

What spoke to you after hearing this week's message?

What do you think of when you think of generosity?

Read Luke 21:1-4 together.

After reading this text, observe the differences between the giving of the rich and the poor widow?

- One gave out of abundance, the other out of poverty. One's giving was a sacrifice, the other's was not.

What is the difference in being generous and just giving?

What does this text reveal about the rich and the poor widow's heart in giving?

- We can know that the poor widow's giving was sacrificial and therefore she must of had devotion and trust towards God.

In what ways are we more like the rich? In what ways are we more like the widow?

Turn to 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What does this text say about the purposes of earthly possessions?

- We are not set our hopes on our possessions, but on God. Our possessions are not ours, but God's. We are not manufacturers but distributors only.
- Our possessions should be used for eternal purposes and not temporary.

Further questions for discussion...

-How can God use our possessions and wealth to transform us and others into christlikeness?

-As we plan for the future, how can we leave a legacy of generosity as opposed to leaving a legacy of wealth? Contrast these two ideas of thought.

-What are the main things in your life that keep you from being generous?

- Building a life of comfort, entertainment.
- Lack in trusting God with our possessions and wealth.

-What does a lack of generosity reveal about our hearts? About how we view our possessions?

- Illustration for a lack of trust. I buy my children sweets and later ask them for a few skittles. They are reluctant to give. What they do not realize is what they have was given to them and the one who gave it to them has the power to give them much more than what they have in their hands. Our lack of faith is similar with God, only He has an unlimited supply.

-Who do you know in your life that gives generously like the widow? How can you model after them in your giving?

-How does a generous life bring glory to God and point people to Jesus?

Consider closing with 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.

- These verses reveal what is produced when we are generous. List these out.
- Final statement or question: Are you putting Christ first with all of your possessions?

Pray that God would show us how we can leave a legacy of generosity.

Sermon Notes/Additional Questions