



### WEEK 3. GIVING GENEROUSLY

On Sunday Pastor John concluded our three-part finance series by preaching on giving generously. In lifegroup this week we'll continue exploring this final topic of giving generously and have space to reflect on what living simply, working diligently, and giving generously might mean for us practically in this next season. We want to encourage you to continue thinking through how to help your particular group grow in these three key areas and on the topic of finances and to come up with any questions or applications that will make sense for your group.

#### Introduction Questions:

- 1) How have you chosen to work diligently in an area in your life since last week's lesson?
- 2) Have you ever had the chance to help someone out financially?

#### Bible Study: The Rich and the Kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-23)

**17** As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" **18** "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. **19** You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" **20** "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." **21** Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." **22** At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. **23** Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

#### Either in a large group or in small groups of 3-4:

- 1) What do we learn about God?
- 2) What do we learn about people?
- 3) What do we learn about giving generously?
- 4) What might God be trying to say to me through this passage? Then pray for each other off this.

**Group Practical:**

As we conclude our finance series, let's take a moment to reflect on put into practice living simply, working diligently, and giving generously.

## Discussion Questions:

- 1) What's struck you throughout this finance series over the last three weeks?
- 2) How can you choose to live simply, work diligently, and give generously in the weeks to come?
- 3) Do you own anything that you might be able to sell and give the proceeds to the poor?