

Series: Heart of the Matter: A Life of Generosity

Week: 1

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Scripture: Numbers 26:1-15, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 13:15-16

A true relationship with God is transformational. When we encounter the living God, he transforms the way we _____, the way we _____, the way we _____.

One of the most important transformations that happen in the Christian is the transformation in his thoughts and feeling about stuff, possessions, money, riches.

One of the greatest challenges to being in a transformational relationship with God is the world's pressure to view God and people in a transactional way.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

We are being transformed as we give _____.

We are giving in a transactional way when we give out of _____.

When the Israelites gave their _____, it was an act of _____ for what God had done in the past and an act of _____ for what God is going to do in the future.

Deuteronomy 26:12-15

We are being transformed as we give _____.

We give in a transactional way when we give out of _____.

For the Israelites, the _____ was a discipline intended to keep _____ of God and _____ to others as part of the fabric of their existence.

Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 13:15-16, Acts 5:1-11

We are being transformed as we give _____.

We give in a transactional way when we give _____.

Jesus set the example of _____.

And here is the beauty of it all... As you are transformed in your giving, God _____ the world through you.

Spark Group Questions

1. Describe the difference between being in a transactional and transformational relationship with God.
2. Read Numbers 26. As Christians who are no longer bound to the Old Testament laws, but to Jesus, who is the fulfillment of the Old Testament law, how can we still practice the idea behind first fruits and tithes?
3. How does a personal relationship with God change our relationship with stuff?
4. Why does giving sacrificially change us? Why does giving regularly change us?
5. What does Jesus' death teach us about generosity? Sit and marvel at that now.
6. Where in your own life do you need to become more generous? Make a plan and ask God for help to change that now.