

How We Grow: Practicing the Spiritual Disciplines  
Small Group Discussion Questions  
Week Three - Generosity

Discussion Questions:

1. In today's message, Jason began by saying, "The empty tomb = a full life." What does this mean? In your own words, how does the empty tomb lead to a life of fullness?
2. Read John 10:10. What does Jesus mean when He says that He came to give us an abundant life? How would you describe the abundance we experience in Jesus?
3. Can you remember a time when you were blessed by the financial generosity of someone else? What was going on in your life at that time? How did God use their generosity to bless you?
4. Read Matthew 6:1-4. How would you summarize this teaching? What is the main point Jesus is driving home here? Look at what Jesus says about fasting and prayer later in this same chapter. What commonalities do you see in His comments about giving, fasting, and prayer?
5. Jason also talked about how easy it is for us to live out of a "scarcity mindset." Do you agree that this is a common temptation for us? In your opinion, how can the enemy use this scarcity mindset to weaken our faith?
6. The idea of biblical giving is often associated with the concept of sacrifice. What does "sacrifice" mean to you? As Christians, are we called to "sacrificial giving?"
7. Financial giving is only one form of generosity. We can also be generous with our time, our energy, and our spiritual gifts. Can you think of some things that keep us from exercising generosity in these areas?
8. God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7). What exactly does it mean to be a cheerful giver? Does this mean that God cares about the attitude of our giving just as much as the amount of our giving? What is the opposite of a cheerful giver?
9. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. What can we take from the example of the generosity of the Macedonian Christians?
10. Wrap up with some prayer time together.