



# GENEROUS

## Understanding our Gap in Generosity

- What is something that stuck out to you from last Sunday's teaching?
- Circle Time: What is your favorite part of God's creation? Why?
  - In his teaching, Pastor Dave compared a gnat to a camel. To you, what is the biggest difference between the two?
  - What is worst between the two?
  - Jesus insinuated that all of us have gnats and camels in our lives. Before reading... what do you think he means by that?
- Read Matthew 23:23-24
  - Is the context helpful in understanding what Jesus meant by this?
  - Think about it this way... a gnat can be incredibly intrusive and annoying. So much so that I will swat at it and try to kill it to leave me alone. I've never once felt like I wanted to swat away a camel!
    - What does this tell you about what type of attention each of these animals receive from people?
  - The Gnat represents the issues that we give the most minute attention to. What are some things in life that the Gnat represents?
  - The Camel represents the issues, no matter how important, that we simply ignore. What are some things in life that the Camel represents?
- With that idea in mind, what do you think that Jesus means by, "You give your tithe but have neglected the more important—justice, mercy, and faithfulness"? (NEPV—Nick Engle Paraphrased Version)
  - Why is tithing such an important act of worship?
    - Does it deserve "gnat" like attention? YES!
  - What makes justice, mercy, and faithfulness more important than the tithe?
  - Which is easier? Tithing or justice, mercy and faithfulness? Why?
- How do you represent Jesus in our world?
  - Brainstorm some ways as a group you can show the world as a group how much God loves them.