

# **WEEKEND RESOURCES | MARCH 16, 2025**

Week Three - Generosity

## USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

**Message Recap:** Generosity is a heart issue, not about amounts, and it brings joy to both the giver and the receiver. Let's learn to practice generosity in all areas of life.

### Main Points

- Resist
- Repeat
- Reverse
- Receive

## Setting Started

• Who do you know that seems to have an "others-first" mentality with their money? What makes you think this way about them?

### Observation

- Read and reflect on Proverbs 23:4: 11:24: 14:1: Mark 12:41-44: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11: Acts 20:35
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?



• Generosity is all about having an others-first mentality. How can you think that way about the people around you with your money, time, and talents?



- When it comes to managing money, what are three words that best describe you?
- Read Matthew 6:24. As a way to consider the principle Matthew introduced, give yourself a percentage rating for the following categories in a typical month: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% Give (tithe) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% Save \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% Live/Spend
- Reread Mark 12:41-44. Summarize and clarify what Jesus was challenging his followers to do.



- As a family, choose a generosity challenge and do it this week. Some ideas include:
  - Blessing someone randomly (think server, the clerk at the grocery store, etc.).
  - o Think about people you know who have a need, and meet it this week.
  - Search "random acts of kindness" online and pick some to do as a family.

## >> Next Steps and Prayer

- Whether this is a time of life where you have extra or not enough money, how can seeing God as the owner of it all change your perspective? What steps can you take toward being more generous as a manager of this money?
- Close by praying this prayer: God, help us realize that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. Help us not only to resist, repeat, and reverse but also to receive. Thank you for what you've given to us. Help us to receive it with joy and gratitude. Amen.