



Generosity

Treasures in Heaven

Thanks to all of the leaders who attended our first, Zoom Leader Training, on Tuesday night. It was a great time together. As we move into the fall season, be sure to check in with your coach with any questions. If you were unable to attend, make sure you know all the important information that was discussed.

Leader's Notes:

Question 1 - guides your group in a discussion of how 5 topics in **Matthew 6** connect with the generosity. Be sure to help your group understand that Biblical concepts like generosity interconnect with all other teachings in Scripture.

The 5 topics highlighted in this Scripture are:

- How generosity clearly fuels our desire to give to the needy
- Our ability to forgive
- A better understanding of Christ's forgiveness of us
- How the discipline of fasting allows us to connect with the Spirit of God in a way that will change our perspective of generosity and growing in our trust (and lack of worry) will make giving and generosity a more natural discipline.
- How connecting with God through a sincere prayer life will always cause us to live an obedient and spirit-led life.

Question 2 - challenges your group to consider how to be an, "investor in eternal things," while still living in the world. Remind them that our use of money and resources is *all spiritual* as we are obedient to God's Word. While direct giving of our finances to a ministry or even a person in need seems clear, each of us must use spiritual discernment as we use our money for daily needs, purchases, investments and more.

Question 3 - illustrates how generosity can set us free from a self-centered lifestyle. In **Matthew 6: 22** Jesus states that **Your eye is a lamp that provides light for the entire body.** Essentially, He is saying that our eyes are the entrance to our hearts and minds therefore, they provide a doorway to our very souls. How we perceive what we see makes a difference between godliness and ungodliness, between light and darkness.

Question 4 - asks what changes need to be made with our finances in order to serve God fully? Hopefully, each member of your group will be able to see sense God's guidance in this sometimes uncomfortable, yet necessary, concept from Scripture.