

Sunday, October 13, 2019 - "Overflow - Week 1" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Psalm 50:12, Genesis 1:27, Luke 6:22-36

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- Jesus and God's generosity towards us is the bar by which we measure our generosity towards others
- Generosity is...an overflowing care for others in all we know, feel, and do **WHOLE LIFE GENEROSITY**
- Biblical foundations for generosity
 - 1) God does not need anything from us
 - Psalm 50:12
 - Everything is a gift from God → when we live this out = gratitude/generosity
 - He doesn't need us but he wants us
 - 2) You are made to reflect God
 - Genesis 1:27
 - "The thing that will get the attention of the watching world like nothing else is our generosity." - Francis Chan
 - 3) When it comes to generosity, God is the standard (Am I as generous to others as God has been to me?)
- Luke 6:22-36 (Generosity 101...foundation)
 - This is not hard to understand but it is difficult to put into practice
 - Whole life generosity is rooted in love
 - Love those who are hard to love
 - This is not natural...loving your enemies is countercultural
 - Do you even have enemies?
 - v28: Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you
 - Pray that God would actually bless them...not just that they would change
 - Something changes when we pray this way
 - v32: We are supposed to stand apart
 - Are you learning to be more generous? It's a journey
 - So that people would see
 - v34: ...expecting nothing in return
 - Matthew 6:3-4
 - Your heavenly father sees you → and will reward you accordingly
- Generosity is about so much more than money
- Whole life generosity is a firm foundation that will withstand whatever life brings
- "If we want to experience a life overflowing, we need to be people overflowing with generosity." - Doug Kempton

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Do you believe that everything is God's? How does this affect the way you think and live?
2. Do you have a desire to reflect God? How have you reflected God in the past?
3. How are you doing at being as generous to others as God has been to you?
4. What does whole life generosity mean to you?
5. Share a time when you prayed for God to bless someone? How did he use it in your heart and life?
6. How is God calling you to learn to be more generous?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 2 Samuel 10 Tues: 2 Samuel 11 Wed: 2 Samuel 12 Thurs: 2 Samuel 13 Fri: 2 Samuel 14

Songs from the weekend: [Glorious - *Bj Putnam*] - [Glory to Glory - *Bethel Music*] - [Reckless Love - *Cory Asbury*] - [Surrounded (Fight My Battles) - *Upperroom*]