

Sunday, October 27, 2019 - "Overflow - Week 3" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Luke 22:24, Matthew 15:32-38, Luke 6:36, Psalm 50:12, Luke 12:33, Malachi 3:10

- 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

- We give because it's the heart of Jesus who gave it all
- Luke 22:34 - You will pay attention to what you invest in,
- Matthew 15:32-38 (Jesus feeds the multitude again)
 - Why did Jesus do this miracle?
 - To teach the disciples about generosity and provision
 - That He is the provider...even when the math doesn't add up
 - Jesus is the great host: he wanted to feed the guests (Probably 8-10 thousand people)
- God is a God of abundance NOT a God of scarcity
- Jesus essentially says, "Give me what you have and I will take care of the rest."
- Are you willing to give what you have and allow Jesus to do the rest?
- We can't be generous if we have a mindset of SCARCITY
 - This view has the world's resources as a pie chart that we need to get a piece of
 - But God is working from infinite resources (Psalm 50:12)
- In scripture we see a God of ABUNDANCE
 - Genesis: the self sustaining garden of everything Adam and Eve needed
 - Abraham: God would bless his descendants to bless others
 - Promised Land
 - Jesus = greatest picture of God's abundance
- When we have a mindset of abundance...
 - It allows us to live open-handed
 - It allows us to be radically generous
- Mindset of scarcity is the root of a lot of problems
 - The world's farmers produce enough food to feed 1.5 times the world population
 - We get what we want while others don't have what they need
- What does God want to say to you about scarcity and abundance?
 - Change = (discontent) x (vision) x (plan)
 - Discontent - Are you content with where you are with generosity and your walk with God?
 - Vision: A picture in your mind of what it could look like (Luke 12:33/Malachi 3:10)
 - Plan: From A to B
 - Pray and talk about it with the people closest to you
 - It can be good to think in percentages (giving money, time spent serving, 10% a great starting point)
 - Decide to cap your standard of living to increase your giving
 - Be open to unexpected invitations
- The God of abundance is inviting us into radical generosity
- We need to ask the question, "Am I as generous to others as God has been to me?"

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

1. What do you think of when you think of God as a God of abundance?
2. Talk about a time when you were living, acting, giving from a mindset of scarcity. What have you learned?
3. Describe a vision of what living a life of radical generosity could look like for you? What are some of the exciting things?
4. How are you doing living your life open-handed? How is God calling you to grow?
5. How do you feel about the idea of capping your standard of living so that you can increase your giving?
6. What is God saying to you about the mindset of abundance versus scarcity?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

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

Mon: 2 Samuel 20 Tues: 2 Samuel 21 Wed: 2 Samuel 22 Thurs: 2 Samuel 23 Fri: 2 Samuel 24

Songs from the weekend: [The Way -Pat Barret] - [Waymaker - Sinach] - [Endless Alleluia - Cory Asbury] - [What A Beautiful Name - Hillsong Worship]