

Sunday, November 3, 2019 - "Overflow - Week 4" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Luke 16:1-15, 1 Timothy 6:17

- 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

- Whole life generosity is an invitation from God. It's not about what God wants from you but what God has for you
- Luke 16:1-15
 - Jesus is not saying the manna is honest...just shrewd
 - We're called to be shrewd but also to be honest
- v9: Make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth
 - It gets lost in translation
 - Unrighteous wealth had a particular connotation and context
- Unrighteous Wealth ("mammon of unrighteousness")
 - It was a pejorative phrase that meant you can't trust in riches
 - Cultural context → Wealth is unpredictable, money is a liar (1 Timothy 6:17)
 - This is in contrast to "true riches"
- ...make friends for yourselves (doesn't mean use your money to make friends)
 - Jesus doesn't say if riches fail, he says when they fail (v9b)
 - Eternal dwellings
 - We will know each other in heaven
 - We will know the good and the bad we did on earth
 - God is saying, "Use what I have entrusted to you to advance the Kingdom. People will see and know even in eternity"
- "What you do with what you have now is what you will do with it when you have more" - Doug Kempton
- Jesus is saying, "Use this fickle thing called wealth to advance the Kingdom of God"
- Generosity...ARE YOU IN?
 - It won't happen by accident
 - Where are you at and where does God want you to be?

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

1. What does wealth look like for you personally? Money, time, knowledge?
2. When was a time when you used your wealth to advance the Kingdom of God? What did God do?
3. How does the idea that we will know what each other has done in heaven impact you?
4. If you're comfortable, share where you are at in terms of generosity?
5. Where do you think God wants you to be with your generosity? What are some steps you can take to grow?
6. How is God calling you to be intentional and accountable when it comes to generosity?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

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

Mon: Matthew 1 Tues: Matthew 2 Wed: Matthew 3 Thurs: Matthew 4 Fri: Matthew 5

Songs from the weekend: [Mountaintops - *The Belonging Co*] - [You Are My Joy - Will Regan] - [Endless Alleluia - Cory Asbury] - [Downpour - Norflette Shumake]