

Welcome - When was the last time you gave something away and felt good that you had? Maybe time, maybe money, maybe something else?

Word - This week we are looking at the words Jesus said in Acts 20 v.35

'It is more blessed to give than to receive'

- From your observations of our culture/world, why is this a challenge to many people?
- In what ways do we prefer to receive rather than to give?
- What do you think of when you hear the word 'generosity'?
- In what ways does generosity reflect who God is? Try to find some examples in the Bible

On Sunday we considered 3 areas and the challenge to go from good to great in generosity. Consider each one and open up a discussion around each.

1. Generosity with our time

- Why is this such a challenge?
- How was Jesus generous with his time?
- What can be the impact when we are generous; on us and on others?
- In what ways does this challenge you personally right now?

2. Generosity with our talents

Read Matt 5 v.14-16

- How can we 'hide our light' when it comes to our talents?
- When have you discovered genuine joy through serving others?
- What could God do in our world if we were all more generous with our talents?
- In what ways does this challenge you personally right now?

3. Generosity with our treasures

Read Matt 6 v. 21

- Why is attitude and action so important when it comes to considering financial giving?
- Consider these statements and discuss how they impact you...

'My need to give is always greater than the need I give to'

'If you desire to be a more generous giver don't wait for your income to change, change your heart..'

'How we use our money demonstrates the reality of our love for God....'

- In what ways does this challenge you personally right now?

Finish by praying for each other that you will each take up the 'generosity challenge' and move from good to great, imagine what God could do in our world with that!

Spend some time praying for people that you each engage with and that through your generosity they will experience something of the love and generosity of the father.