



Welcome

When was the last time you were either on the receiving or the giving side of an act of generosity?
What did it do for you or the other people?

Word

This week we are continuing to look at the early church who didn't live typically as others did, they were counter cultural, they lived atypically.

One of the key markers of an atypical life is GENEROSITY

- In your own words how would you define or describe generosity?
- Why do we struggle with the concept and practice of generosity?
- What are some of the barriers and challenges we need to work through with this?

Generosity is more than money.....

Reference the 7 markers of generosity and open up a discussion, where have you seen these in action?
How powerful are they? What could our world be like if we acted like this?

Thoughts - words - time - attention - influence - stuff - money

Read **Acts 2 v.42-45 and Acts 3 v. 3-8**

- What impacts you about these believers and their attitude to their possessions?
- What practical things can we put into place so that we live more generous lives?

We looked at a case study of an atypical life, a generous person, Barnabas....

- What impacted you from his life?

He was generous not only with his belongings and money but also his time, attention and influence!

- Which of these is more difficult and challenging to you and why?

Finish by praying for each other for a greater release of generosity.....

Pray for the church as we enter more deeply into this XL season, reaching beyond our walls and "growing up" into all God has for us!