

# Growth Group Curriculum

## SUMMER SEMESTER 2023

### The Heart of Jesus - Week 1 - Generosity and God's Grace

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#### REVIEW

1. Was there anything from this past Sunday's message that challenged or confused you?
2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday's sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

#### MY STORY

1. Who in your life is someone that you would consider a generous person?
  - a. What traits or values do you notice as they serve others?
2. On Sunday we learned that generosity encompasses more than just money. How would you like to grow in being generous to others?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Luke 18:9-17 - Jesus describes two men who went up to the temple to pray - What do these men have in common? How do they differ?
  - a. What do their prayers tell us about their view of God and what they believe is acceptable to Him?
2. What do the Pharisee and Jesus' disciples have in common?
  - a. How do they regard others of lower status?
3. Read Micah 6:6-8: - The Pharisee considered himself great because of his tithes and fasts, but in the Micah text we see that even the most extraordinary works are insufficient for meeting God's demands. What did the Pharisee and the readers of Micah fail to grasp about what God truly desires?

a. What does this say about our efforts to earn God's approval?

4. What do we learn from this text about the necessity of Jesus' sacrifice for sin? How does His voluntary humility change our posture towards God?

**TAKING IT HOME -**

1. We've all been given resources of time, money, and giftedness. In what area would you most like to grow in being more generous to others?
2. Consider someone in your life today who would benefit from your generosity. How can you demonstrate generosity to that person today or this week?

**Read: 2 Corinthians 9:11, Psalms 37:21, Acts 2:46-47, 1 Timothy 6:17-19**

**Prayer Requests:**

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**Important dates:**

- Aug 20 - New Series/Summer Groups Begin
- September 17- Outreach Sunday
- October 1 - Fall Groups Start
- November 19 New To Crossroads Lunch