



THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Small Group Questions: Part 1: Generosity is a Response

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Read

Matthew 19:16-22; Luke 19:1-10

Reflect

Talking about money can be tricky, especially in church. One of the tragedies of church history is that often, people have associated church with the offering plate instead of the cross. Money is the elephant in the room, but we want to change that. We want to talk about what really matters to God when it comes to money and possessions: generosity. Because our God is a giver and not a taker. There are many questions we can ask ourselves about money but the most important one is “Am I becoming generous?” Take a moment and reflect: what does generosity mean to you? Why do you think people (and churches) are so hesitant to talk about money?

Pastor Josh Walters taught us that generosity is a response that:

1. Exposes the posture of my heart
 - a. Generosity is about more than our money: it is about our heart. Our attitude towards money and possessions reveals a great deal about our relationship with God. Can we truly be generous towards God but stingy towards others?
 - b. What do you think generosity (or stinginess) might reveal about a person’s heart?
2. Reveals the size of my God
 - a. It is easy to say that God is a giver, but if we are not generous ourselves, that suggests that we don’t really believe that God is either. What might generosity tell you about a person’s relationship with God?
 - b. What do you think generosity tells unbelievers about the character of God?
3. Changes the outcome of my story
 - a. Take a few moments and reflect. What role has generosity played? Have you ever been the recipient of someone else’s generosity? How did it change your story?
 - b. What is God saying to you right now about generosity in your own life?

What was your biggest take-away from the weekend message?

Respond

- What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?
- How can your Small Group support you and hold you accountable in this?