

In His Steps: Practicing the Way – Week 8 Small Group Questions

Opening Prayer 

Ice Breaker 

1. Are you more of a “planner” or “wing it” person with money?
2. What’s one thing you used to think was “rich,” but now realize...isn’t?

Discuss 

Main Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

1. Pastor Jeff said Jesus taught about money and generosity a lot—NT scholars estimate upwards of 25% of His recorded teachings. Why do you think Jesus addressed money so often?
2. Pastor Jeff said we struggle on both sides: the desire for more and the fear we won’t have enough. Which side do you identify with more, and what’s beneath that (security, control, comfort, approval, etc.)?
3. Read Matthew 23:23. Jesus tells the Pharisees they should tithe, but not neglect “justice, mercy, and faith.” What does that teach us about how God defines generosity?
4. Read Acts 20:35. Where have you personally experienced this verse to be true (even in small ways)?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. The Macedonians had “many troubles” and were “very poor,” yet had “abundant joy” overflowing in generosity. What do you think produced joy in them even during hardship?
6. Pastor Jeff said, “You can give without loving, but you can’t love without giving.” Do you agree? Why or why not?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 8:13-15. Paul clarifies generosity shouldn’t crush you but should lead toward equality and meeting needs. How does this keep generosity both faithful and wise?

Practice

This week give something that costs you a little: money, time, a meal, an item, help, or attention—joyfully and quietly.