

Radical Generosity

Luke 7:36-50, Acts 4:32-35 | July 13, 2025

DISCUSSION STARTER:

What's the most generous act someone has ever done for you?

Finish this sentence: "When I think about generosity in the church, I usually feel..."

DISCUSSION:

Read Acts 4:32-35.

- What do you think motivated the early church to share "everything they had"?
- How does the Acts church example align with the early example of this church and how people used their homes, savings accounts, etc., as collateral for the vision of the church?
 - How does this picture of generosity challenge or inspire you?

Read Luke 7:36-50.

- Compare and contrast Simon and the sinful woman in this passage. What stands out to you about each?
 - How does Jesus' response to the woman contrast with His response to Simon? What does this teach us about God's view of generosity and humility?
- In the sermon, we heard: "Grace fuels our generosity." What does that mean to you personally? What's the difference between grace-based generosity and guilt-based generosity?
- The woman in Luke 7 planned her generosity. She learned that Jesus was in town, so she came with her gift and her worship. What does planned generosity look like in your life right now? Why do we often struggle to plan how we manage our finances?
- What are some of the financial or cultural barriers that make generosity difficult in your stage of life?
 - What's one way you can push back against cultural pressure to consume and, instead, practice generosity?
- We heard that **"generosity sets the pace of vision."** What vision could your generosity help move forward—individually, as a group, and as a church?

NEXT STEP:

What's one small step you could take this week to grow in your radical generosity? (Examples: creating a giving plan, establishing a budget, offering hospitality, giving time or money, etc.)