

Money Truths: Part 4- Giving Generously

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. Who in life has inspired you the most?
2. What is your favourite thing to do locally?

WORD

John 6:5-14

5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" 8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). 11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. 12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." 13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. 14 After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

A little fact about this miracle story is that, this is the only miracle-aside from the resurrection- that was recorded in all four gospels. A bit more background for this story, Jesus and the disciples were in a

remote area. Thousands of people gathered in this place where Jesus was teaching and healing them. And as meal time approached, there was nothing for people to eat. Remember they were in a remote area. And then Jesus decided to feed the 5000 men. Not including the women and children.

For Jesus, this wasn't only about doing the miracle, or getting the job done. But it's an opportunity to teach the disciples, to teach us the present believers, to trust in God when we face problems.

DISCUSSION

Are there conditions that we must meet in order to experience God's blessings

WORD

James 2:15-16

15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

John 6:8-9

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***God doesn't need much**

Do we understand that God doesn't need much, that little is much when we put it into the hands of Jesus. That God is just waiting for us to give even a little before he performs the miracle. Then we will understand how to give generously.

***When we give, God blesses us abundantly.**

John 6:10-12

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When we give, no matter how small it is, no matter what the value of our giving, God will bless us abundantly. God will bless us so much that we would have leftovers. Like it said in verse 12.

DISCUSSION

What are some of the experiences you had that when you give, you received more than what you gave?

LIFE APPLICATION

The world says to LIVE, SAVE, and GIVE. This is "me first" living with some left over giving." However, if Jesus has Lordship over our lives, then Jesus flips the order to GIVE, SAVE, and LIVE.

Let us understand that when we give, we actually open our hands to receive from him.

We cannot out give God . God says if you truly trust Him and give, He will always out give you in ways you cannot imagine. (Luke 6:38)

DISCUSSION

Why do you feel you can or cannot out give God?

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

Luke 6:38

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.

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