

Here For It

Generosity (Week 3)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

When we declare we are Here For It, we are choosing to be generous and freely give to others as Christ freely gave to us.

Key Scriptures

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Luke 10:25 NIV

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' Luke 10:33-35 NIV

We love receiving God's generosity, but often withhold it from others.

Generosity traits:

1. Generous with our judgements.

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Galatians 6:1 NLT

2. Generous with our time.

And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Matthew 5:41 ESV

3. Generous with our finances.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NIV

Start talking.

- What aspects of God's generosity are you most thankful for?
- Why are we so happy to receive it, yet often withhold generosity from others?

Start thinking.

- Read Luke 10:25. How does this question impact your understanding of the story of the Good Samaritan?
- How did the Priest and the Levite respond to the wounded man?

- Read Luke 10:33-35. Why did the Samaritan have pity when the Priest and Levite didn't?
- Why was he willing to sacrifice time and money for this stranger?
- How does this story answer the question from the "expert in the law"?

Start sharing.

- Read Galatians 6:1. How have you been on the receiving end of harsh judgments?
- Read Matthew 5:41. Describe a time when someone went the extra mile for you?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. How have you seen this principle of "sowing" in your or another's life?

Start doing.

- How can you apply the three Generosity Traits this week?

Closing prayer.

Lord, thank you for the incredible generosity you continue to pour out on me. Help me to offer that same generosity to others. Give me a heart of compassion to meet and respond to people at their specific points of need.