

## 'Generous Living'

From the series:: {be} Generous... 01/06/13

### BIG IDEA

In 2013, GENESIS will seek to fully enter into God's invitation to *{be} Generous* to ALL people, at ALL times, with ALL things. Generosity does not come natural nor is it even the logical thing to do, but our desire to *{be} Generous* is so that people might catch a glimpse of what God is really like – namely, that He is a generous God. Our sole motivation for being generous is not in order to get something from God or from anyone else, rather, our motivation to *{be} Generous* is because God has been generous to us.

### QUESTIONS

#### Engaging the Head::

- What is your view of God? Do you believe God to a generous God? How you answer this question will determine your ability to *{be} Generous*. How we view God shapes not only how we view ourselves, but how we view and interact with those around us. How is your view of God currently influencing your ability to *{be} Generous* to ALL people, at ALL times, with ALL things?
- Read *Jeremiah 32:40-41*, *Luke 12:31-32*, and *Romans 8:32*. Why is it so difficult to maintain a view of God as being a 'Generous God who is bent on doing good to us?' What hinders us from seeing God as a generous God bent on doing good towards us?

#### Engaging the Heart::

- How do you distinguish needs from wants? Take some time to list out 'current wants' as well as 'current needs.' As you examine the 'needs' list, is there anything on that list that God has not already provided for? If no, how do we reconcile an unmet need with what Scripture says in:  
**2 Peter 1:3** – *"By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence."*
- Are you fully satisfied with God? Meaning, is God enough for all of you all of the time? Do you believe that with God, you have everything you need for life now, as well as life eternal?

#### Engaging the Hands::

- If someone were to observe you for a period of 48hrs, would they say that this is an individual that is living with their hands open wide to the needs of those around them, or would they say that they seem to be living with their hands in their pockets? Would they say that one hand is open, but the other hand seems to be closed? What are some of the biggest obstacles to living life with your hands open to the needs of those around you – whether that be physical, spiritual, emotional, or relational?
- If ALL we have belongs to God (*Psalm 24:1*), then how might you begin to use ALL you've been given to glorify God and benefit those around you? Consider the Apostle Paul in *1 Thessalonians 2:8* – how might you begin to share ALL of you with those around you? What are things that we can be doing in order to remain full, that is, always have something to give because we've been continually receiving?

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday** – GENESIS will continue the {be} Generous series. Next up:: Generous Servants. You learn more about the {be} Generous Series via the GENESIS Blog::  
<http://www.genesissthejourney.com/blog/post/be-generous>
- **This Friday** – Join the GENESIS Community this Friday evening for a powerful evening of prayer and worship. The Well begins at 8PM.
- **Elders & Deacons** – On Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, the GENESIS Community will vote on whether or not to affirm Zach Wiernicki as an elder, and Mike Costa and YiFeng You as deacons. Please be in prayer as to how the Lord would have you affirm these men.

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