

When Generosity Hurts
Luke 20:45-47, Luke 21:1-4, Luke 21:25-33
Growth Group Questions
Week of October 8, 2017



Growing Together (Use these questions during your family/community time)

As you start your group tonight, consider these things:

1. Preach the Gospel to each other Have 1-2 people share the Gospel in their own words. (5min)
2. Share your story Have 1-2 people share their story of how God is working in them. This doesn't need to be a full life story - in fact it shouldn't be. (3min max each) Consider sharing a time when you felt unloved, hopeless or lost and Jesus was your rescuer, and how God restored/is still restoring you. He is Love, Hope. You are found. That's the Gospel at work in your life!
3. Praying for People Share an update on those God has put on your heart (and your prayer list). Have you had any spiritual conversations with them? Continue to pray that God would move in their hearts and that HE would open your eyes to see what HE is doing as well as give you opportunities to share the Gospel with them. Have courage! Remember it is God who does the work, we get to partner with Him. Share who you're praying for. As a group, be praying for each other's friends by name.
4. Plan a Party Intentionally plan an event to invite your friends to. Maybe your friends come to an event with your whole group? Or you invite your friends to a dinner with you and one other couple from your group. Your friends may not feel comfortable coming to your party, so you may need to get creative and go to them, or somewhere in between. The key is that you're intentionally inviting, and that you're not doing it alone. Keep praying for opportunities!

Thinking About and Applying the Message

5. Read through James 4:13-17. When you consider how much time we spend planning, worrying, being anxious, etc., do we live like our lives are as short as a quick mist? How does this passage challenge us in how we live as disciples of Jesus?
6. Read Psalm 51:16-17. What is the kind of sacrifice that God desires according to these verses? Does that mean He doesn't want the traditional blood sacrifice of animals for their sin? Hint: Read on to the next verses, Psalm 51:18-19. According to these verses, what does this teach us?
7. How does the Gospel give us encouragement when we fail at both the heart posture and/or the practical, sacrificial action God is pleased by?