

## Joining in Generosity

Matthew 16:17-19; Matthew 18:15-18

### Growth Group Questions

Week of October 15, 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 Malachi 3:8-12 (OT principle of tithes and offerings) and 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NT principle of generosity). How are the two messages from God similar? How do they differ? Which is more prescriptive in its commands? Which provides more freedom? How? Which is more challenging? Why?
6. These passages seem to indicate that "you cannot out give God." Can you attest to that claim? Share practical stories where through your generosity (or tithes and offerings) God has "made [you] rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion."
7. What barriers prevent you from being more generous? What control do you have over these barriers?
8. Without necessarily answering the question, what are your thoughts on what John calls the generosity indicator: "Who would miss YOU, and why, if today was your last day?"

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### Message Notes



If heaven is so great why are we still here?

1. Tend the earth
2. Share the cure
3. Care for those in need

God resources the whole project

- Finances, materials and talents
- Message of hope
- Holy Spirit's power
- Prayer
- The CHURCH!

Paseo del Rey Church's mission:

- Partnering with God to transform people into fully devoted followers of Jesus, for His glory.

Mission effectiveness:

- Who would miss us if Paseo del Rey's doors were shuttered today? Why?

Personal Generosity measure:

- If today was your last day, who would miss YOU? Why?

Generosity Tips:

What do you have to share?

Actions:

- Accept the generous gift of eternal life in Jesus.
- Make a decision on a church and faithfully attend. Engage in generosity through the church.
- Do something, even if it doesn't seem like much. Remember the starfish.
- Join us in making Paseo del Rey Church even more generous!