

## Questions

1. When you're disappointed by life or by God, how do you typically respond? Why do you think you respond in that way?
2. When you were growing up, how would you describe your family's view toward money? Toward generosity?
3. Who is the most generous person you know? Who has blessed you with their generosity?
4. How would you describe where you are today on the journey toward generosity? How big of a priority is it for you and what are some barriers to being more generous?
5. Chip said, "Generosity works." Brainstorm a list of ways that generosity makes for a richer, better life. How has this principle of "generosity works" played itself out in your life?
6. If you were to look at your life in the past, where have you been tempted to follow the world's thinking about money? Where are you tempted to believe and behave as though money will bring you security, significance, purpose, or happiness?
7. Read Matthew 6:19-24. What type of treasures are you storing up for yourself? What are your next steps to increase your heavenly treasures? Jesus says we cannot serve both God and money. Which does the world teach us to serve? Do you ever feel tempted to serve money instead of Jesus and if so, why? How can you ask God to help you to overcome those temptations?

## Scripture References

Acts 20:35, Proverbs 11:25, Luke 6:38, Matthew 6:19-24, Matthew 13:22, Hebrews 11:6

Week 1:

# The Genius of Generosity



## Takeaways

- Generosity is the gateway to intimacy with God.
- To be smart, spend carefully. To be wise, save regularly. To be genius, give extravagantly.
- 4 Reasons it's genius to be generous:
  - Generosity changes our lives.
  - Generosity connects us with others.
  - Generosity protects us from bad investments.
  - Generosity protects us from the “dark side” of money.

## Weekly Action Step

Each day this coming week, find a new way to practice generosity.