



WEEK #2: THE PLAN

INTRODUCTION & OPENING QUESTION

As we approach this season of giving, let's ask ourselves, what are we willing to give? What would it look like if closed fists became open hands? What if we became more like Jesus by giving ore away? If it's true that we can't out give God, what would we gain? Blessed people are blessed to bless people. So let's start Living Generously.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your biggest takeaway from the message, and why?
2. Do you ever fantasize about being generous? *"If I had a million dollars, I would _____."*
3. To make a dream of being generous a reality, we need a plan and follow through. God has given us a plan for generosity: the what, where, when, how, and why. Read Malachi 3:10, Hebrews 7:2-3, Genesis 28:22, and 1 Corinthians 16:2. What do you think about God's plan for generosity?
4. Pastor Mark listed seven reasons to consider God's plan for generosity. Which of the following helps you the most to understand God's plan for giving or is the most helpful when talking with others about God's plan for generosity:
 - a. It identifies me among God worshippers through the ages.
 - b. It's a weekly "heart check-up."
 - c. I love my church and believe in its vision.
 - d. Consistent giving allows me to give more.
 - e. Consistent giving means I understand God's work goes on daily.
 - f. I want to be blessed.
 - g. You can't out-give God.

TAKEAWAYS

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 112:5-6, 96:8 / Proverbs 11:24-25 / Isaiah 32:8 / Malachi 3:10-11 / Hebrews 7:2-3 / Genesis 28:22 / 1 Corinthians 16:2 / 2 Corinthians 8:2-3 / Matthew 6:20-21 / Luke 6:38 / Romans 8:32

QUOTES:

"God is not a charity case looking for donors. He's an entrepreneur looking for partners."