

Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: Why Do We Do That?

Sermon Title: Why Do We Give Generously?

Sermon Date: 9-29-19

Gospel Gain: We give generously to guard against greed and imitate our generous God.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

What comes to mind when you hear the word generosity?

Share an example of someone you have observed demonstrate generosity in their time, talent or treasure.

How could generosity be misused?

How can generosity be honoring to God?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

In this study we will see the value of generosity. We will see that it is wise to guard against greed and seek to become rich towards the things of God. We also want to learn how to imitate the generosity that God has displayed.

Read: *1 John 3:16*

Jesus gave his life as a sacrifice. How does this demonstrate the generosity of God?

What does this passage tell us imitating the generosity of God?

In what other ways has God demonstrated his generosity?

Read: *Luke 12:13-21*

What is happening in this passage? What is being asked and how does Jesus respond?

What gets your attention in this passage of Scripture? Why is that important?

What do you think Jesus is teaching about greed and being rich towards God?

What do you think Jesus means when he says – ***Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness?***

What do you think Jesus means when he says – ***one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions?***

What creates such a push in our culture for more and newer possessions?

How can a Christian balance the reality of needing certain things but not getting caught up in the mindset of “more”?

What does **Luke 16:13** say about this challenge?

What would happen if we took the time and energy used to get more stuff and applied it to developing one area of our character?

Read: *Galatians 5:22-23*

Which of these qualities has the Holy Spirit been developing in your life in the past year?

Which of these qualities would you like to have the Holy Spirit develop in your life over the next year?

If we want to be more generous in our life, how can we move from stockpiling our resources (time, talent and treasure) to sharing them?

What motivates this type of generosity?

What seems to have motivated this generosity in the early church based on **Acts 2:44-45**?

Read: *Matthew 6:19-21*

How can we help one another shift our focus from “extra” things to “eternal” things?

Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

What is one truth from today's study that can help us guard against greed and become more generous?

What has been helpful to you when you have attempted to be generous with time, talent or treasure?

How can this Life Group elevate the value of generosity?

Group Prayer Time (Supplication)

Share some prayer requests with one another and then pray for one another.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.