



Week 1 – Generosity



PRAY: Start with a time of opening prayer and worship.

REFLECT: Read and reflect together on the following quotes about generosity:

“A generous person will prosper; Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” – Proverbs 11:25

“Our gratitude to God compels us to express love for Him by sharing what He’s given us.” – Leanne Martin

“Where grace happens, generosity happens.” – Max Lucado

WATCH: Click this link to hear Matt and Michelle kicking off our RNG series with a conversation around generosity <https://bit.ly/3Lv2TVL> What stood out for you from this conversation?

READ AND DISCUSS: Read Mark 2:13-17 out loud. As you listen to this passage, notice what strikes you – a word, a phrase, an image or a feeling. What is God highlighting to you in this passage?

Discuss the following questions:

- How does Jesus show generosity to Levi?
- How do the Pharisees feel about Jesus’ generosity? In what ways do we see the same reactions to ‘unreasonable generosity’ today?
- What is Levi’s response to Jesus’ generosity to him?
- What do you think compels Levi to host a dinner party that night? Do we feel compelled to share the generous, life-transforming love of Jesus in the same way? What can prevent us being generous in sharing our faith with others? Or our resources/skills/time?
- As a church with a mission to resource and equip the next generation, in what ways might that require generosity?

PRAY: Take a moment in silence, then read the words of the following Prayer for Generosity by St. Ignatius of Loyola:

Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will.

Close by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another.