

How Resets work:

- Fasting resets our priority on God.
- Prayer resets our <u>connection</u> with God.
- Community resets our intimacy with God and others.

Generosity defined:

- Providing more than what is needed or anticipated.
- An <u>abundance</u> of compassion for <u>others</u>.

No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. Luke 16:13 (NLT)

About Generosity:

- Generosity is about more than money.
- · Generosity will include money.
- Generosity is ultimately about our <u>heart</u>.

My <u>heart</u> needs <u>generosity</u> more than the recipients of my generosity need my gift.

Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. What God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that. Ephesians 5:1-2 (MSG)

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, <u>created to be like God</u> in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

Why are you generous?

Because <u>God</u> is <u>generous</u>.

GOD's works are so great, worth A lifetime of study—endless enjoyment! Splendor and beauty mark his craft; His generosity never gives out. Psalm 111:2-3 (MSG)

For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. 2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)

• Because it's not mine.

The earth and everything it contains is the LORD'S. The world and all who live in it is his. Psalm 24:1 (GW)

What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift? 1 Corinthians 4:7 (NLT)

• Because I'm <u>following</u> my <u>heart</u>.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. Matthew 6:19-20 (ESV)

Generosity is:

- Love that looks <u>beyond itself</u>. Col. 3:12
- Willing to invest <u>time</u> in <u>others</u>.
- Willing to use the <u>abilities</u> and <u>resources</u> I have. 1 Peter 4:10
- Looking for ways to <u>invest</u> in <u>eternity</u>.
 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21 (ESV)

Have Questions? Text them to: (559)464-5754

Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- Spend a few moments sharing about what the fast did for you?
- Would you consider yourself to be generous? Explain.
- Some people from the Quest were asked: Why are you generous? If you were asked that question, how would you answer?
- How is God generous? What motivates God's generosity?
- Who ultimately owns what you have? Why is this an important question?
- Talk about what it means for generosity to be an expression of our heart? What happens when our heart is selfish? How do we keep a generous heart?
- Talk through the point under "Generosity is:".
- How do we invest in eternity? Why is this important?
- What are some steps you can take to be more generous?

Connection Group Leaders: Remind your group of the following announcements: Saturday Service - Feb. 4th Super Bowl Party - Feb. 5th