



14 ...You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. 15 If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand.16 Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16 (MSG)

The value of life isn't determined by how much we achieve or accumulate but by how much of our lives we give away.

- We show we care when we're willing to share.

5 Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. 6 Surely he will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. Psalm 112:5-6 (NIV)

Legacy: Where my life lives on.

Giving to something that will outlive me.

Living so my life outlives me.

- The goal isn't to live on earth forever, but to leave something that does.

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.' " 12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Romans 14:10-12 (NIV)

Two Tests we all will face:

- What did you do with my Son Jesus?

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. Revelation 20:11-12 (NIV)

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Matthew 7:21-22 (NIV)

23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' Matthew 7:23 (NIV)

The correct answer:

- "I knew Him personally."

- "What did you do with what I gave you?"

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV)

27 For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. Matthew 16:27 (NIV)

The correct answer:

- "I gave my life away."

11 You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

- Generosity is a heart issue that looks to bless others.

Being the light is:

- Living generously in a stingy world.

When I'm driven By Generosity:

- I will intentionally give what I have.

6 Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop.

7 I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (MSG)

How to give intentionally:

- Have a plan for giving, and stay with it.
- Have a heart for people, and bless them.
- I will intentionally serve others.

How to serve intentionally:

- Get on a Team.
- Plug into cityServe.
- There is more to your life than this life.

You're never more like Jesus than when you bless others.



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Why?
- What does it mean to leave a legacy? (Is it more than leaving a memory? explain)
- From the Talk on Sunday, do you understand the two judgements we will face? Do you feel that understanding these judgements helps prepare you for eternity? Explain.
- What does it mean to live generously? How does living a generous life leave a legacy? How does living a generous life allow us to be a light?
- Do you have a plan for giving? Is it generous?
- What does it mean to have a heart that seeks to bless others?
- Discuss what CityServe is. How is this a great opportunity for us to be the light?
- Do you really believe there is more to your life than this life? Do you really believe that God wants you to make a difference in the lives of others?

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