

WHY

we do what we do

When we share the same values:

- We share the same **heart**.

21 The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind— Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, So they might be one heart and mind with us ... John 17:21 (MSG)

- When we don't understand why we do what we do, we act from our personal **preferences** rather than **unity**.

- We are generous because **God** is generous.

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)

10 This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, 11 wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (MSG)

- We have been **given** so much, so we can **give** so much.

A few things to remember:

- Generosity is an expression of **love**.

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)

- Generosity is about more than **money**.

It is as the Scriptures say: "The godly man gives generously to the poor. His good deeds will be an honor to him forever." 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (TLB)

- Generosity will include **money**.

Generosity is:

- A **heart** issue we can't afford to lose.

19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)

- A **life issue** we can't afford to miss.

23 If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a dank cellar. If you pull the blinds on your windows, what a dark life you will have! Matthew 6:23 (MSG)

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

- A **worship issue** we can't afford to waste.

24 "You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both. Matthew 6:24 (MSG)

43 Jesus called his disciples over and said, "The truth is that this poor widow gave more to the collection than all the others put together. 44 All the others gave what they'll never miss; she gave extravagantly what she couldn't afford - she gave her all." Mark 12:43-44 (MSG)

A strategy for generosity:

- **Plan** your generosity.

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity. Isaiah 32:8 (NLT)

- Make giving a **priority**

9 Honor GOD with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Proverbs 3:9 (MSG)

- **Start** being generous **now**.

6 And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Philemon 1:6 (NLT)

- Invest in **eternity**.

19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen.

20 Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value and are safe from thieves.

21 If your profits are in heaven, your heart will be there too. Matthew 6:19-21 (TLB)

38 Give away your life; you'll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity." Luke 6:38 (MSG)

38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38 (NIV)



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? Explain why?
- How important is it to you to that we as a church share the same heart? What does that mean to you?
- What scripture speaks most to you about our need to be generous?
- How would you define generosity?
- Do you believe that God is generous with you? How does His generosity make you generous? Do you believe that generosity is an important action in why we do what we do?
- Do you believe that we have been given much so that we can give much?
- How is generosity an expression of our love?
- How would you explain that generosity is a heart issue? How is generosity a worship issue?
- Do you intentionally plan for the opportunity to be generous?
- How do you make giving a priority in your life? How do you prioritize your time for God and others? Your talents? Your money?
- Why is investing in eternity so important for us as Christians?

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