

Growing Deeper
Waiting on the World to Change

Week Two: Generous Living
Luke 18:18-30

Spend FIFTEEN – Day One

1. What's one of the most generous gifts you've ever given to someone else?
2. What motivated you to give this gift?
3. Take a moment and read 1 John 3:16-18. What should be our inspiration to give?
4. God's love is so synonymous with generosity that John goes so far as to say that it's hard for God's love to be in someone without inspiring generosity. What does this say about the nature of God if his love inspires generosity?
5. Have you felt God's love inspire you to give in your own life?
6. Spend the remainder of your FIFTEEN thanking and praising God for being so full of love and generosity for his children.

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Two

7. Take a moment and begin your FIFTEEN by reading John 15:12. What are we commanded to do?
8. What is your reaction to God calling us to love others as he loved us?
9. As we discussed yesterday in 1 John 3:16-18, God's love and goodness is synonymous with generosity. If God calls us to love as he did and his love inspires generosity, how does this make you feel? Does it excite you or intimidate you?
10. The good news is that God does not expect perfection from us. He knows we will fall short of the commands he gives us. This is why he sent his son to die for our sins. Keeping in mind that God calls us to love and be generous to those around us to the best of our ability, how does this change your perspective?
11. Spend the remainder of your FIFTEEN thanking God for his patience and grace as we navigate the life he calls us to live as Christians.

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Three

13. What is something that holds you back from being generous?
12. Fear is such a common barrier between us and a generous life. Take a moment and read Philippians 4:19. What does God promise?
13. Again in Philippians 4:19, according to what does God provide?
14. Notice that God does not provide according to our behavior but rather as a result of his goodness and glory. According to Exodus 24:17, what is God's glory akin to?
15. If God provides according to the riches of his glory and his glory is like a consuming fire, how does that imply he will provide for you?
16. Spend the remainder of your FIFTEEN reflecting on how powerful God is and what it means for your life that he promises to provide for you according to his glory.

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Four

17. What was the last generous non-material gift you gave to someone else?
18. Take a moment and read Romans 12:6-8. What gifts are listed in these verses? What are some of your spiritual gifts?
19. Is it easier for you to be generous with your material possessions or your spiritual gifts?
20. As we learned in the previous days, every good thing comes from God, including our spiritual gifts. What's one way you can use your spiritual gifts for others?
21. Spend the remainder of your FIFTEEN asking God to show you the spiritual gifts he gave you and how he would like you to use them.

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Five

22. Take a moment and begin your FIFTEEN by reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-8. According to these verses, how much does God call us to give?

23. God makes it clear in these verses that he would rather us give out of love than compulsion or obligation. Does this surprise you? Why?
24. What does God promise in verse 8?
25. These verses make it clear when we live generously out of God's love rather than self-interest or guilt, he will always provide for us. Does this change your perspective on giving in any way?
26. Spend the remainder of your FIFTEEN asking God to enter your heart and for his love to inspire you to live generously. Thank him for promising to always be there and always provide for us.