

10. One of our Vision Statements is “Becoming More Generous: In Every Area of Life.” To fully embrace this what difference would it make:

- a. In Our Financial Giving?
- b. In Our Community Outreach?
- c. In Our Key Relationships?

11. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss or expand upon?

Message Notes

Beyond Words – Isaiah 32:8; Matthew 20:1-16

Making It Personal

1. What area of generosity do you personally struggle with?
2. Is there something that you need to begin to change in your life in response to what you’ve learned in this study??

Coming Next Week

Is believing enough? Should faith change how we live? Be sure to join us next week as we explore the importance of cultivating dynamic faith that has an impact on our lives as well as the lives of those around us.

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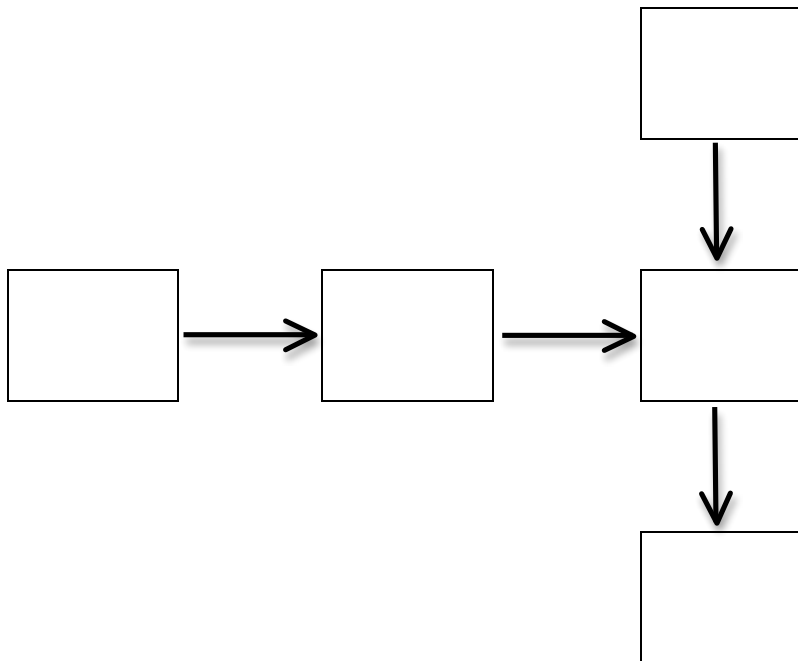
This Week's Message

The message this week is going to deal with an area of great tension for each of us, not because we don't affirm it logically or theologically, but because of the difficulty that comes with fully living out its principles.

Life Group Study Notes

This following study is based on Isaiah 32:8 and Mathew 20:1-16.

1. What was the key thought from last week's message?
2. Recreate the chart given in the message and discuss the various definitions.



3. How do we typically define generosity?
4. What should our definition of generosity be based upon? What difference should this definition make?
5. Looking at Isaiah 32:8, how is the term "generous" used in this context (Some versions use the term, "noble," but much more is meant here than just social standing)?
6. Read Matthew 20:1-16. The parable begins with "The Kingdom of Heaven is like..." What does it reveal about the nature of what Jesus intends to teach in this parable? Why is that important?
7. What is the major tension presented in this parable? What does it teach us about the character of God?
8. Why is it so dangerous to exercise generosity to the degree presented in this study? What are the potential hazards?
9. What do you think would happen as a church if we exercised the kind of extravagant generosity that truly reflects the heart of God?