

WEEK 5 : Building A Resilient Faith | Generosity

Discuss the first two questions before watching the video.

- What comes to mind when you think of stinginess? What do you feel?
- What comes to mind when you think of generosity? What do you feel?

Play the Teaching Video for Week 5.

- Share reflections from the video. Watch the [video here](#).
- Here is the link to the [YouTube Video](#).

Discussion Questions

Select a few questions to discuss as a group.

- Do you believe generosity is essential to your spiritual growth? Why or why not?
- Is there someone whom you admire because of their generosity? In what ways have they been generous?
- Read [2 Corinthians 9:10-11](#). In this letter, Paul urges the Corinthian believers to follow through on their gracious intention to send financial aid to the suffering believers in Jerusalem. What might deter people from carrying out their intentions of giving to a valued cause? What does Paul assure them of here?
- Jake stated, “Generosity is a matter of our heart, not a matter of our circumstances.” What does that mean to you?
- Read [Luke 10:25-27](#). How does the story of the Good Samaritan challenge you? How could you live this out in your neighborhood this week? Identify one thing you could do to meet a need.
- God is the source of our stuff. We have the privilege of being temporary managers of our stuff and the opportunity of being generous with our resources.

How does seeing things from this vantage point affect your attitude toward making a difference with whatever God has given you?

- Do you find giving your time, talent, or treasure easier? Why?
- Does your busyness regularly rob you of opportunities to make a difference?

Application

- What has God made you good at? How can you use that talent for Him by benefiting others?
- Look for opportunities to be generous with your time, talent, or treasure. Remind yourself to do so daily; it will eventually become your way of life.

Prayer

Have everyone share one way to pray for them this week.

Consider splitting into groups of 2-3 and praying for each other.

Going Deeper | Put Into Practice

These activities are designed for you to explore different methods of the weekly spiritual practice. Pick one or two to try this week.

- Read [1 Peter 4:10-11](#). Make three headings: Passions, Abilities, Interests. Now list several of your passions, abilities, and interests under the headings. If you could choose one way to serve the church, what would it be?
- Go to [Eastside Compassion](#) and look up options for using your time and talents.