



Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive. Blessed for who? This series explores the blessings that come from living the generous life. Those who trust Jesus and do what he says will learn that his words are genius!

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 When you were growing up, how would you describe your family's view of money and generosity? How would you say your upbringing has influenced your current views of money? With that in mind, who taught you to be generous?

2 Jesus once said, **"It is more blessed to give than to receive."** (Acts 20:35). How have you experienced that to be true?

3 GENEROSITY IS IMPORTANT because it reveals if God is important. Rick noted that to bless God means *"to live like He has no rival and no equal."* Jesus knew this would be a struggle for his followers. **Read Matthew 6:19-24.** As verse 21 points out, where we spend our money reveals what we treasure most. Why is that the case? Follow up: What are some practical ways we can store up treasure in heaven instead of accumulating possessions on earth?

4 IT BLESSES GOD... by recognizing His ownership. Rick reminded us that *"The Scriptures are absolutely clear about God's absolute right to all things."* **Read Deuteronomy 10:14, Psalm 24:1, Job 41:11.** How does it make you feel to be reminded that God owns everything? Why is that sometimes a difficult truth to live by?

5 Rick said, *"Tithing is simply a recognition of reality—that we don't actually own anything."*

Read Deuteronomy 14:22-23. What do you think is the role of tithing for followers of Jesus today? Have you tried it? If so, did it bless you? If not, why not?

6 IT BLESSES GOD... by embracing His mission. You bless someone by caring about what they care about. Rick said that *"God's mission is not calling us to escape the world, but to join Him in renewing the world through radical generosity."* Share an example of a time when embracing God's mission led someone you know to a life of radical generosity. How did that impact you?

7 IT BLESSES GOD... by affirming His character. We cannot magnify the greatness of God without affirming the goodness of God. We affirm God's character by radical generosity, which means bringing Him our "firsts." **Read Proverbs 3:9-10; Malachi 3:10 and 2 Corinthians 9:7-8.** What does generosity proclaim about God? What does a lack of generosity proclaim?

8 GENEROSITY IS GENIUS because trust is God's love language. Generosity is grounded in the gospel. **Read Romans 8:32.** How does it make you feel knowing that God did not hold back His best? What is one way you can bless God this week?

