



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: Follow Jesus

Sermon: Building a Generous Life

Recap the Highlights:

What Keeps Us from Being Generous?

- Our **Perspective**
- You either see yourself as a **Steward** of the time, talent, and treasures that pass through your hands, or you see yourself as the **Owner** of these things.
- True stewardship reflects a lifestyle ordered by the Lordship of Christ over all things. We are free to give generously of our time, talent, and treasure because our needs are fully met in Christ.

How can I be Generous with My Time?

Mark 1:32-39

1. Recognize Time through the lens of **Opportunity** rather than **Utility**.
2. Prioritize Time around the Essential not the **Urgent**.
3. Exercise Time with **Spiritual Discipline**.
 - a. **Solitude** vs. 35 “Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”
 - b. **Sabbath** - Hebrew ‘Shabbat’ which literally means ‘to stop’

Now Dig Deeper:

1. We live with greater fulfillment when we give rather than receive. Talk through examples of this in your life.
2. How do you feel knowing that you live in the top 4% of wealth in the world? What does that mean? Did that change your perspective?
3. The perspective given by Pastor from the book he was reading was great. In all the ways that we have gotten more efficient, we have in turn taken on more work to be even busier. How has this happened to you?
4. Look up some spiritual disciplines as a group and talk about ones that each of you can incorporate into your lives more.
5. How can YOU be more generous with your time?

Respond & Pray:

- Pray individually or as a group and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal ways that you could be more generous with your time.