



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: Follow Jesus

Sermon: Building a Generous Life

Recap the Highlights:

What is a Talent?

- It represents opportunities to use our abilities, skills, family connections, social positions, education, and experiences; it is our potential to experience the full measure of God's design for our lives.

Why is it so essential to be generous with our talents?

- We were **Created** to partner in God's Kingdom by employing our talents. Ephesians 2:10
- You were **Saved** to serve - a non-serving Christian is a contradiction. - 2 Timothy 1:9
- Serving with our talents is a direct **Command** from Jesus. - John 13:14-15
- God deposited in each of us **Unique** talents to serve His kingdom purposes. - 1 Peter 4:10

What Keeps us from generously giving our talents back to God?

- Comparison.
- Focus on Fairness vs. **Faithfulness**.
- **Fear** (of failure; looking foolish; of trusting God for something which will require you to surrender the safety of the known for faith in the unknown)

Building a life of generosity requires us to UTILIZE our talents...

- Even if they seem **Small** to us.
- **Now**.
- Before the master **Returns!**

Now Dig Deeper:

1. What was your biggest revelation from the message?
2. What are your unique talents? Share with the group what you believe they are and how you might be able to use them.
3. What was your biggest takeaway from what Pastor said regarding fairness vs. faithfulness?
4. How can you begin to build a more generous life using your talents?

Respond & Pray:

- Pray individually or as a group and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your talents and how you can use them to serve.