

Homegroup Worksheet

Holy Habits Series – Generosity 2

Sunday 25/02/2024 – Jo Parsons – Outrageous Generosity

Sunday 03/03/2024 – Tom Rutter – Biblical Generously

Leaders: Please encourage your group to look back at the Sunday service talks from Jo and Tom which are available on the church website under Sunday Messages.

Hello everyone and welcome to our series embracing Holy Habits and looking at a variety of themes around generosity. This series uses the Sunday service talks to give space to explore and dig deeper our view of generosity and its place in our daily lives as we continue to press into God's heart for us.

Opening

So, lets dig deeper into these two areas of generosity and where God is calling us both as faith filled individuals and as a community of believers. Let us begin with some time catching up together and then transition into the study with a prayer of thanksgiving.

Week Sunday 25/02/2024 talk – Outrageous Generosity

Jo Parsons led us to Luke 6: 27 - 36; and highlighted the following:

1. To do unto others as you would have them do to you.....AND
2. Jo talked on the outrageous generosity of loving our enemies!
3. Spend a few minutes with the passage – what else does Jesus say about this?
 - a. Share any insights – what is Jesus saying to you now?
4. Do you find it easy to bless those people who you do not get along with?
 - a. Pray for someone who you struggle to love this week.

Week Sunday 03/02/2024 talk – Biblical Generosity

Tom Rutter led us to Acts 2: 42 – 47; and highlighted the following:

5. Tom talked of three principles of unity:
 - a. Power of generosity comes from God.
 - b. We all have a need.
 - c. Act out generosity with others in unity.
6. Tom talked further about going alone or being part of a community. That God's purposes are done when we work together.
7. What God did for the early church he has for us today.
8. 5 pillars of generosity that bind us together and from which we experience the life of His Church: Maturity – Membership (of one body) – Magnification (living in awe) – Ministry - Mission
9. Unity is the key – if you're not sure how to live; go to Acts 2.
10. The generosity of the church (people)
11. Devoted to the apostles' teachings - Awe and wonder – Prayer - Giving away - Broke bread - Signs and wonders together – Gladness - Praised God

12. Are you a lone ranger or a team player?
13. Pray for unity for the mission.

Closing

If helpful remind your group that supernatural generosity come from intimacy with Jesus; listening to what He says and walking in obedience to what He asks us to do. This is not a burden – it is a joyous place to be. We can be assured that He will not ask us to be more than we are, and He will always provide all that is needed. This is the joy of unity together!

For us, our generosity begs the question from the world – Why are you doing this? – presenting us the opportunity to share Jesus with them!

Please use this to form part of closing prayers. Please reassure people its ok if they feel any sense of trepidation in any of this – God loves us to seek him out – we are in God’s hands – hallelujah! This can also be lifted back to God in prayer.

So, try to finish well. This might not mean a tidy finish – there may be much left unresolved – that is ok and please feed questions back to us.

It’s always good to end in prayer so draw conversations to a close and let’s get praying –

- Themes from this evening can be lifted in prayer.
- If excited, then let God know.
- If reassurance needed, then seek God’s grace and peace in people’s hearts.
- Other prayer needs in the room.

If you are on track with all of this then let the group know that next time, we will be hearing from Ben with more immediate examples of what generosity might be for us both personally and collectively as being part of the Bridge Church.

As ever, Leaders, please provide feedback from your session to us by dropping an email to:

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How did the session go?

Significant points raised?

Areas that need further/future support /clarification? / Any training or other resourcing required?

Thanks, and Blessings

Tracey and Graham