
Whether it be a football team, basketball team, or any type of team for that matter, it takes everyone doing their part to truly be successful. Interestingly enough, nothing changes in the church. You have a role to play, and that role is critical to the mission of God. Time cannot be wasted...it's time to be ALL IN!

Icebreaker: What was the best Christmas gift you ever received? What made it so good?

1. What was the greatest act of generosity you have ever experienced in your life? (you being on the receiving end) How did that act of kindness make you feel?
2. Read Matthew 6:25-35: What does this passage reveal about God's goodness? Faithfulness and provision?
 - a. Who is responsible for taking care of your needs? Is there freedom in that knowledge? How?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 1-12: Take a moment to think through the following questions:
 - a. Who is the audience that Paul is writing to?
 - b. What characteristics does Paul commend them for?
 - c. Why do you think Paul uses the churches in Macedonia as an example of what generosity looks like?
 - d. Generosity is something that we need to learn to cultivate. For many of us it isn't something that we do naturally. How can generosity be cultivated? (think practically)
 - e. Fear often times can keep us from being generous. Think through these three steps of dissipating the fear in giving. How do these steps help us in moving beyond fear?
 - i. Seek God's heart and kingdom first in everything? (Matthew 6:33)
 - ii. See that sincerity of the faith and generosity go hand in hand. (Remember Jesus gave the greatest gift of all...his life)
 - iii. Learn to be cheerful when giving. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
4. Finish by sharing stories about any acts of generosity you did this week. What did you do? How did it go?

Close in Prayer: (If in a group close by taking time to pray for the needs of those in the group.)

Prep for next week: Ephesians 6:18, Romans 8:26-27; 1 Thessalonians 5:17