

Compassion = Generosity

This is Compassion

1 Timothy 6: 17-19

Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of August 28th & 31st, 2016

Main Point: Being generous requires advanced planning.

CONNECT -----

When you were growing up were you encouraged to eat everything on your plate? Do you still feel that pressure today?

Why do you think buffet restaurants are so popular?

How long do you think you could last if you had to live off the food that is your house right now?

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When it comes to money and finances, what are your goals, hopes and dreams?

How do you define rich? How much money does someone have to make to be considered wealthy?

In the sermon Cam mentioned that if you make more than \$37,000 a year you are in the top 4% of wage earners worldwide. If you make more than \$45,000 you are in the top 1%. How does that make you feel? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Why do people confuse *feeling* rich with *being* rich?

Have a volunteer read 1 Timothy 6: 17-19.

Do you think most people would describe Christians and the church as generous and willing to share? Why or why not?

How do you think the early Christians practiced generosity and willingness to share?

What excites you most about giving money to others?

Why do you think Paul commands those who are rich not to be arrogant?

Have a volunteer read Matthew 6:24

Wealth and God will always be in competition for your heart. How can you prevent yourself from becoming self-reliant and less dependent on God?

Which of these statements creates more anxiety in you, “There is no God” or “You have no money”? Why?

SERVE -----

Why do we hesitate to give to others even though we have more than we need?

What is one thing that stands in the way of you being more generous? What can you do to overcome this obstacle?

How could being generous to others change people’s perception of Christians and the church?

PRAY -----

Thank God for the riches he has provided to you and your group. Ask him to show you areas where you have become arrogant or ungrateful this week. Ask God for an opportunity to be generous this week.