



LIVING A GENEROUS LIFE

I. CHECK-IN

- Check in. How is everyone doing? How were your holidays? Did you get any special gifts? Any new years resolutions? Since it has been a while since you last met, take a moment to check in with everyone and catch up. This is important for this weeks gathering.

V. PRAYER REQUESTS

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

II. SCRIPTURE **Luke 10:25-37**

**do not feel obligated to read scripture this week as we will use this same scripture for the next four weeks. Use only if you have time.*

A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to gain eternal life?” Jesus replied, “What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?” He responded, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, he took two full days’ worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, ‘Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.’”

What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?” Then the legal expert said, “The one who demonstrated mercy toward him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

IV. CHALLENGE

Next week, we will begin a series titled A Generous Life which will focus on what it looks like to live generously. Take time to reflect on what generosity means to you and how it connects to bringing about heaven on earth.

III. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What comes to mind when you think of generosity?
- Does it make you uncomfortable to talk about money with others?
- What questions do you have when it comes to generosity and the church?
- What are some of your hesitations about generosity in the church?
- Sometimes talking about money seems to contradict with helping to bring about heaven on earth. Why do you think these conversations are important to have?
- Generosity is about more than paying the bills and keeping the lights on. It is about supporting God’s mission through the church. What are some ways that you would like to see Mid City Church use its budget to help bring about heaven on earth?