



HAS THEIR FINANCES IN ORDER

I. CHECK-IN

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Reflect on last week's challenge: *Take time to reflect on what generosity means to you and how it connects to bringing about heaven on earth.*

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

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

What goals do you have for your finances? What would a living a generous life look like for you? Spend time this week praying over these questions and anything you may be struggling with.

III. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What stands out to you in the scripture?
- Have you ever seen anyone live a generous life? Did their life and actions inspire you in any way? Why?
- Living a generous life requires intentionality. What steps (besides getting your finances in order) should you take in order to begin living generously?
- The idea of the samaritan having his finances in order is not stated in scripture. Do you think, however, this is a fair assessment? Why?
- Have you ever budgeted before?? What has been helpful? Not helpful?

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