



This Is What We Do | Craig Groeschel | 11.22.20
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

What is your favorite thing about Thanksgiving?

SHARE

Welcome to Week One of Kingdom Builders! At Red Rocks Church, we want to be known as people who give their lives to build God's Kingdom! This week, we had a very special guest. Craig Groeschel stopped by to talk to us about the importance of generosity and giving. That can be a touchy subject for some, so before we dive in, take some time to check in with your Group by answering the following questions.

Rate your week on a scale of 1 to 10. Why did you choose that number?

What was the highlight of your week? What was the most challenging part of your week?

What is one thing you feel like God is teaching you?

GROW

Read Acts 20:32-38

What were your thoughts about Craig's talk this week?

What stuck out to you the most from it?

In Acts 20, Paul quotes Jesus saying, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). That concept can be very difficult for us to grasp at times. In a world that is constantly telling us to build our own kingdom, learning to build God’s Kingdom can feel very counterintuitive.

But if you’ve ever taken a step toward living a generous life, you know just how true these words are. As Craig reminded us this week, when we focus on consuming all the things God supplies, the result is fear caused by lack. However, when we are generous with God’s supply, God is faithful to multiply both our resources and our faith!

Generosity is one of the keys to living a full and abundant life!

Would you consider yourself to be a generous person? Why or why not.

Do you think those closest to you call you a generous person?

What is one way you can practice being a generous person this week?

M O V E

Read Matthew 6:19-24

What is your initial reaction to this passage? What emotions does it bring up?

As Craig reminded us this week, generosity is what we do! You are a part of a generous church that gives to people and churches in need all around the world.

However, money may be the most controversial topic you can talk about in the church, which is fair because there have been plenty of examples of lousy stewardship over the centuries. However, Jesus spoke about money more than any other topic. Eleven of His forty parables are about our treasures, and the only time anyone ever walks away from Jesus sad or disappointed is when they just cannot give up their possessions. As followers of Jesus, we can’t ignore the money conversation.

So, what does He say? His teachings on the subject are summed up brilliantly in the passage you just read: **You cannot serve God and money.**

That's not a command; it's just an observation. Jesus isn't telling us to stop serving money, as much as He is telling us that we literally cannot do both because it's impossible to have two masters.

Money is a terrible master because it is never enough. No matter how much we have, we will always want just a little more. However, when we worship God, He continually reminds us that we are already enough because He has adopted us into His family as sons and daughters (Romans 8:15). The fruit of worshiping money is stress, greed, and anxiety, but the fruit of worshiping the Creator is love, joy, and peace (Galatians 5:22)!

Why do you think it is so difficult for people to talk about money?

What is it about money that makes it so emotional?

Take-Home Assignment: Give Away Something This Week

One way to practice generosity is to give something away. This week pick one of your favorite items (a piece of clothing, a book, etc.) and give it to someone you think would benefit from it. Don't ask for anything in return, just practice being generous!

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

T O G O

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.

- 1 Corinthians 9:7

