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Weekly Study

START

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

When is the last time you remember laughing really hard?

SHARE

Welcome to Week Two 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, Doug continued our series by reminding us how powerful the church can be when we all seek to be Kingdom Builders! But before we dive in, take some time to check in with your Group by answering the following questions.

What was your favorite part about Thanksgiving?

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

What is one word you would use to describe your relationship with God right now? Why did you choose that word?

GROW

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-11

Which verse stuck out to you the most from this passage? Why?

In verse 3, Paul says, "For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own" What do you think it means to give "beyond their ability"?

In the passage you just read, Paul shares a story about the churches in Macedonia. He said they experienced fierce troubles came pushed them to the very limit. We all know how that feels, don't we?

That is what 2020 has felt like for all of us.

But what's interesting about these churches is that they didn't shrink back and play small when they faced these challenges. Instead, the pressure triggered something unexpected. Instead of hoarding and living safe, they pressed in and gave generously! They gave offerings of whatever they could, far more than they could afford!

Are you tired? Do you feel like your soul needs a pick-me-up? Well, the good news is, nothing wakes you up faster than generosity. Giving above and beyond how we typically give is one of the most stretching things we can do. When we seek the Kingdom first, it wakes us up and keeps us focused on the one who promises to sustain us!

How has this series been for you so far? Inspiring? Stressful? Challenging?

What does generosity look like for you this week?

M O V E

Read Psalm 37:25-26

What do you know about this Psalm? Who wrote it?

What stuck out to you about this passage? Do you agree with these words? Why or why not?

Psalm 37 is an amazing reminder of God's faithfulness. Most scholars believe David was writing this Psalm toward the end of his life, which is interesting because David experienced his fair share of hardships over the years. He faced all sorts of giants his entire life.

And yet, at the end of all of it, he sits down and writes: I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

That should be incredibly comforting for us today. No matter what we are going through, no matter what giants stand in front of us, Psalm 37 reminds us that God will always care for the generous. That's why, as Doug reminded us this week, "A life of generosity and sacrifice is the highest level of life you can live."

Generosity looks different for everyone. God invites us to give not only our treasure but also our time and our talents. When we do this, God promises to provide for us as we go!

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

Why do you think the Bible talks about generosity so much?

Take-Home Assignment: Give Anonymously

One way to practice generosity is to give without ever getting any credit. The best way to do this is to give to someone without ever letting them know who it was from (pay for the car behind you while going through a drive-through, pick up the check for a random stranger at a restaurant, etc.) Get creative with it. 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

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

- Psalm 37:4

