



We Are A Generous Generation | Doug Wekenman| 6.20.21
Weekly Study

START

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

What was the name of your first dog? If you've never had one, what would you name one if you did?

SHARE

Welcome to Week Four of our series We Are _____. In this collection of talks, we are talking about who we are. We always want to figure out what we are supposed to do, but the truth is, if we know who we are, we will know what to do! This week, Doug talked about building a Generous Generation. But before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

What is one word you would use to describe how you currently feel? Why did you pick that word?

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

What was the most inspirational conversation you had this week?

For a lot of you, this is one of your first times meeting as a Group. If this is one of your first meetings, we want to give you all a chance to get to know each other a little more by sharing

your life story. Although this can be scary, it is one of the most fruitful things your Group can do. Pick two-three people from your Group this week and have them answer the following questions.

1. Tell me about your upbringing. What are a few of the significant life events that shaped and molded you?
2. Have you ever had a moment where you realized God is real and loves you? If so, tell us about it.
3. How have you changed in the last five years?
4. Describe yourself in five words and explain why you picked each one.
5. Who is God to you?

Every person has a unique journey they have been on that has led them to this point. Taking the time to share your story is a fantastic exercise for you and for everyone listening!

G R O W

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

What verse stuck out to you in that passage?

What do you think it means that God is able to “bless you abundantly”?

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” - 2 Corinthians 9:8

We are a generous Generation. As Doug mentioned in this series, “When you know who you are, you will know what to do.” Our God is a generous God. So, in the same way, when we know who he is, we know what he will do. In 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, Paul talks about what generosity looks like and how important it is to building the kingdom of God here on earth. Generosity not only helps in our spiritual growth but also helps others by displaying the generosity of God and who he is. It looks like a cheerful heart giving with what you have. Believing God will provide more than enough for not only the giver but also the receiver of that gift.

Giving of our time, our money, our resources are all important to God. Why? Because as Doug illustrated this week, when you take your first fruits and invest into the kingdom of God and plant it as you would a seed, it's almost as if something in heaven whispers to that seed to come alive and start growing. To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. It is an indicator of your hope and confidence in God that he will provide all that is needed without the need to worry.

When our gifts, passions, and resources match with the local church, generosity is able to flourish abundantly. As a generous generation and a generous church, we are able to fund and build the kingdom of God through initiatives like: The Home of Hope, Impart, Compassion International, and God Behind bars. When we are generous, we can help other churches in our local communities serve one purpose: to build the kingdom. Serving one another with generosity that comes from an abundantly generous God.

Have you experienced the generosity of someone in your life?

This year, would you rise to the challenge of living generously?

M O V E

Read Matthew 28:16-20

What do you think it means to be a generous generation?

The most famous scripture in the world involves giving, John 3:16. What better example for you to be a part of a generous generation than God giving his one and only Son. God gave the gift of Jesus so that the world could be saved. The last words said to the disciples by Jesus before he went up to heaven was for them to spread the gospel and make disciples of man and to baptize in the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit. Many years later, Christians are being generous with their treasures (time, talent, and money) to continue obeying Jesus' last words by baptizing and spreading the word of Jesus to a new generation. Can you believe we get to do this?

The stats that Doug mentioned in his sermon about the things that can be accomplished by us giving our first and best is mind-boggling. Giving to support the homeless, prisoners,

orphans, end slavery and illiteracy, supply food, fix our water system and reach the people groups who've never heard of Jesus may seem overwhelming, but it's our calling as Christians. The good news is that Jesus will be with us every step of the way, and with Jesus, we can do all things.

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

Being generous doesn't just mean that you give your money. You can also be generous with your time. What is one way you can be generous with your time this week?

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

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

- Matthew 28:19-20