

## Kingdom Builders Week 2 | Shawn Johnson | 12.4.22

### Weekly Study

#### SHARE

Before we jump into the study, take some time to check in with your group and ask the following questions:

- **What was the highlight of the last week?**
- **What was the most impactful thing you heard during Pastor Shawn's sermon? What did that thing teach you about God? Yourself?**

On Sunday, we continued our Kingdom Builders series with a message from our global senior pastor, Shawn Johnson, about the power of generosity and how it brings us peace, purpose and closeness with God. As we continue to dive into this new series, we are celebrating what God has done through our church to make heaven more crowded and earth more whole and pray that this series inspires you to live openhandedly with the gifts that God has given you and that you accept the invitation to help build a generous generation.

We also want to continue encouraging and equipping you to sign up for **Ramsey+**, a resource that has a portal with a budgeting app, videos and trainings to help you understand the Biblical principles of money. In addition to that, **Financial Peace University** is kicking off at Red Rocks Austin on January 11. This 9-week course is free of cost and will teach you how to steward your finances well. Free childcare will be provided! For more information, contact [haley@redrockschurch.com](mailto:haley@redrockschurch.com).

#### GROW

**Read Malachi 3:10.**

One of the most counterintuitive spiritual principles is how surrendering our finances to God actually leads to increased freedom and peace. It is easy to convince ourselves that when we get out of the current

financial situation we find ourselves in it will be easier to become generous, but God actually shows us in his word that we are allowed to test Him in His ask that we tithe to the local church and see if He will not provide all that we need. Being generous doesn't guarantee that we will have what the world amounts to "riches" on this side of heaven, but what we will get in exchange for our trust in Jesus' ask for us to give is a freed up heart that is full of purpose and closeness to Him. He knows that money is the one thing that will most easily stand between us and Him, and He wants our hearts more than anything. We do not have to give a lot in order to give enough; we simply live openhandedly with what we do have.

- **Talk about your responses to this passage. What about it stands out most to you?**
- **Do you feel tempted to believe the lie that what you have to give is not enough?**

## MOVE

**Read Matthew 19:16-26 and Mark 12:41-44.**

In Matthew chapter 19, there is a parable about a man who was known as a rich young ruler, and in Mark chapter 12 there is one about a widow. These two parables paint very different pictures of the effects that money and generosity can have on our hearts.

The rich young ruler heard from Jesus that he was to give all he had to the poor and went away sad, "because he had great wealth" (v.22) — Jesus called him to a level of generosity that he couldn't reconcile for himself because of how money had a hold on his life, and because of it he missed out on what God had for him. To contrast, the story of the widow's offering moved the heart of God because she gave radically in light of what she had to her name. It never gets easier to give. Start today and see what God will do in and through your surrender.

- **Between the rich young ruler and the widow, which do you relate to more? Why?**
- **Is there something about your finances that you need to surrender to God? If not finances, what other area of your life do you feel the need to better steward?**

## PRAY

Take time to pray as a group, inviting God to expand your faith in him and trust in His ability to provide for you in every situation.