



Unblock the Blessing | Doug Wekenman | 12.11.22

Weekly Study

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This weekend, Doug closed out our series, *Kingdom Builders* with a powerful invitation to live a generous life full of freedom. For the last few weeks, we have been asking this question: *God, based on all the ways you've blessed me, what can I give to build your Kingdom and not mine?* And this week, Doug reminded us of the invitation from God to build His Kingdom, because he has so much more ahead for us to experience!

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

- What is the most impactful or challenging thing you learned during Sunday's sermon?
- What did that thing teach you about God? About yourself?

GROW

Read Mark 10:17-31

The young ruler came to Jesus and asked what seemed to be a desperate question, what do we have to *do* to inherit eternal life? Remember that eternal life in the Greek is the word, *Zoe*, which speaks of heaven forever then and there and the fullness of life here and now. Doug challenged us by saying that when we live and give today with eternity in mind and invest our treasure into something that will matter forever, not only will we build a firm foundation in heaven, but we will also take hold of the life that is truly life now.

Because of the finished work of the cross, Jesus gave everything, and we do not have to *do* anything more for our salvation but just as Doug said, now we get to. We get to give generously. We get to love sacrificially; we get to live free from sin in our hearts. In this story, Jesus is trying to get the rich young ruler to see that we don't *have to* live for our salvation, we get to live from it. We don't *have to* appease God; we get to enjoy God. We don't *have to* give a tithe; we get to live a life of generosity. There is no obligation it is simply Jesus' invitation to have life and live to the fullest (John 10:10). Jesus didn't want the young man's money; he wanted his heart. He missed the "Zoe" life that Jesus offered him and how often have we done the same?

What role has money played in your life?

How has your perspective of money changed from childhood (family of origin) to adulthood?

What part of your life are you unwilling to give up in order to follow Jesus?

M O V E

Read Matthew 6:21, 24

The weight of money looks different to all of us. It creates a burden that is so heavy to carry and becomes a prison of sorts. We cannot bare that weight and take hold of the life that God has invited you and I into. We need to take the leap of faith and trust that God is in it all. The God of the universe doesn't need our money, he wants our hearts. When he has our hearts, our life is aligned with him, and this is when peace and freedom abound.

Has the idea of money created "weight" and "burden" for you?

What kind of "weight" has money created for you (ie. scarcity, success, comparison, love of things, etc.)

It takes crazy leaps of faith and a heart for the Kingdom of God to live a generous life. Rich Wilkerson Jr says, "faith doesn't maintain; faith multiplies!" and just as Doug pointed out, this is what the rich young ruler missed out on. Because he missed out on the blessing, we can imagine how many others did as well. Let our blessings not stop with us. Here at Red Rocks Church, we are part of building God's Kingdom and as we saw on the video, because of your generosity so many lives all over the world have been changed. Because of the people's faith, it has multiplied, and we give all the glory and honor to God. And just as Doug said this week, "Red Rocks we haven't seen nothin' yet!!"

What does it mean to be generous to you?

Do you trust "the Church" to be the "source" of generosity?

Share of a story of generosity that has impacted you

This Week's Challenge

Each day, continue to pray specifically for those that God will bless by your generosity. That they may know God in a deeper way because of your obedience to him.

P R A Y

Take time to pray together asking God to show you this week how to love people well by being generous with your lives.

