

GIVE GENEROUSLY

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DON'T
FORGET
THE
"WHY"

INTRODUCTION

In the third week of our series, Pastor Jesse explains why we believe giving generously is important to the health of our spiritual lives. When we give generously, we prioritize God's plans and desires over our own, posture our hearts with a servant-like attitude rather than being a controlling master of our money, and we allow room for God to use us in bringing "His kingdom come" on earth as it is in heaven.

DISCUSSION

1. At the beginning of his sermon, Pastor Jesse explains that understanding the why behind giving generously is crucial to our spiritual journey. Discuss how our spiritual lives can grow or shrivel depending on the posture of our heart.
2. Talking about our five next steps, he says, "As we take these steps by doing these things, we'll become No Matter followers of Jesus. We'll be a real part of making Prairie Lakes Church a No Matter Church." Discuss how following these Next Steps will make us a No Matter Church. A No Matter church = No Matter followers who
Attend Regularly | Serve Purposefully | Connect Relationally | Give Generously | Invite Boldly
3. Pastor Jesse mentions the five whys -a practical tool used to help find the root cause of our behavior or way of thinking. Reflect on your own giving habits. Are they shaped by what you were taught? By the season you're in? By your circumstance?
4. Discuss why giving generously can hold so much emotion [positive or negative].

DO SOMETHING

1. Pastor Jesse says, "Generosity is a gauge, not of your performance but of your heart before God." Make a mental list of how you spend your money and consider what it says about your heart posture.
2. Pastor Jesse explains, "There's always a connection between how we do money and how we're doing with God." Ask God to show you any areas where your spending habits are conflicting with your ability to put God first in your life.
3. Psalm 119 says God's Word is a lamp. Commit to bringing your spending habits to the Lord at least once a week, asking Him to show you how He'd like to spend your money [His money, actually] for His Kingdom.

RESOURCES

1. *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren explores the spiritual journey.
2. *Radical Generosity* by M. J. Ryan explores the benefits of generosity that flow from a loving heart, rather than out of obligation.
3. The Bible Project podcast's six-part series on [generosity](#).
4. *Parent Cue* podcast "PLC:24 Generosity." Jon Williams, Kristen Ivy and Reggie Joiner discuss how practicing generosity has the potential to help you and your kids grow in your relationship with God.