

Claim #1- We want our lives to be _____,
and _____

Claim #2 - Left to our own wisdom, we believe we are better
_____ of our own joy and purpose than God is –
but we are _____

God made a _____ and _____ world

What did Jesus teach about living generously?

Generous Giving

- How can I begin to cultivate a love of the gospel through generosity at Crossroads?

1. **Give** a regular % gift to the church
2. **Serve** – children's, setup/teardown, host, mission trips, your neighborhood, Easter Sunday!
3. **Continue** to be *faithful* in sowing the above

Community Group Questions

1. **How have you seen Claim #1 operate in your life?** (i.e. what do you choose to do for joy and purpose?)

2. **Read Revelation 7:9-12**

why is it important to keep this future reality at the forefront of our thoughts when it comes to living generously?

3. **Do you agree with Claim #2?**

Claim #2 - left to our own wisdom, we believe we are better managers of our own joy and purpose than God is – but we are WRONG

4. **Read Galatians 6:7-8**

how do we and society deceive ourselves that this is not a sowing and reaping world?

What side effects do you see caused by this lie?

Why did Paul say that eternal life is the fruit of sowing to the Spirit?

How do you see in your own life that you settle for one week, one month fruit instead of 5 year, 10 year fruit? What do you have to do in order to change the type of seed you are sowing? (i.e. start sowing long-term fruit)

5. **Read Luke 12:32-34**

What awesome truths can you infer about God's character from verse 32?

vs 32 – examine your life and answer this question: what do you fear about trusting God's way of living life generously?

How does the act of obeying what Jesus said in vs 33

provide you with a treasure in heaven that does not fail?

How have you been/are you being disobedient when it comes to giving/serving?

What is God telling you to do when it comes to giving: money? time? talents?

6. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11**

What is your process for deciding what to monetarily give to the church?

Are you a cheerful giver? Why or why not?

How have you seen the more you invest and cultivate fruit the more joy you receive?

How can we change our mindset to "see the long game" in terms of sowing the fruit of the Spirit?

7. **Read Galatians 6:9-10**

How can we help one another to not give up?

What long term fruit is the Holy Spirit convicting you to be sowing right now?

How will you take your first step of obedience? How can this small group help keep you accountable to this?

Share a 10 year vision of what you would like to see happen by sowing this fruit with the group.



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