



Leader Helps

Generous

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Acts 2:45-47, Luke 10:25-37

Devotional Seed:

How is our generosity rooted in Christ? Christ has given us a great gift and sets the example 2 Cor 8:9 & 9:15

Deeper Roots:

1. Is Acts 2:45-47 an ideal for all churches to aspire, or is it an historical description? Dave M did suggest that this was a historical description and that eventually the church had to plan more stewardship.
2. How is Generosity a mark of God's presence? Connects to the devotional seed in that this is a part of God's character that we should display.
3. What does Jesus' response to the scribe in Luke 10:27-28 tell us about what faith is? We know that we are saved by faith (Rom 3:26) so if loving God and others gives life, then faith must be connected to love. They work together.
4. Why does Jesus make the Samaritan the hero? Why not the victim? It may have been powerful to have him as the victim, but as the hero we are confronted with the idea that if we would accept help from such a person, we should also give it.
5. What does 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 tell us about generosity? Certainly the priority of the heart (must be cheerful) Also that God supplies the seed. Also the result is thanks to God as well as supplying need.

Bearing Fruit: These questions are designed to help people talk about what they believe and feel.

1. Do you see a tendency towards consumerism (what's in it for me) in the attitude of our culture? Do you see it in your own heart?
2. How would Jesus have us respond to the poor and to those we see on the streets?
3. How do you budget generosity? Is this something you need to prioritize?
4. Are we willing to be the type of people that makes Acts 2:45-47 real in our church? What can one person do?

Branching Out: This is a thought that points us towards service and outreach

Have you recently had a significant conversation with someone who does not yet have faith in Christ? How can we make these conversations a priority?