

Series: Outpouring

November 13, 2022

Message: Outpouring of Generosity

Isaiah 32:8 | Malachi 3:6-12 | Matthew 6:30-32; 10:8 | Acts 1:3-8; 2:1-21
2 Corinthians 9:8-10

Outpouring: this is who I am in Christ, through Christ, and for Christ.

Rate myself in my faith (trust):

I Got This – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 – **God Has It All**

The Outpouring of Generosity

Am I open to generosity?

Rate how generous am I today:

Less Generous – 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 – **Irrationally Generous**

Becoming Irrationally Generous

- What do I need?
- What can I give?
- Will I trust God with my obedience?

Action Steps:

What do I need?

What will I give?

Life Group Study

For week of November 13, 2022

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! <https://rlc.pub/groups>

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover as we worshiped the Lord together this past Sunday?

Who in your life is someone that you would consider a generous person? What do you notice as they serve others? How would you like to grow in being generous to others? Why might this be important?

Connect to God's story

2 Corinthians 8 and 9 is written to members of the church in Corinth who, at one time, had responded favorably to helping others. So, Paul tells them about another church in their region that responded generously and joyfully even in the midst of their own suffering. The amount is not the aim but rather the spirit behind their giving that was life changing!

Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.

How does Paul describe the Macedonian churches' circumstances at that time? From what he describes, what are the reasons they are responding so generously?

What attitudes do you see in this passage? How does your attitude affect your becoming rich in generosity?

How life-changing would it be to have someone in your life who is being tested by troubles and very poor and yet filled with abundant joy and overflowing in rich generosity?

*Where are generosity toward others begins is with our generous God!
Read the following Scripture passages and then write down what you
learn about the generosity of God:*

Luke 15:3-7

2 Corinthians 8:9

Ephesians 2:1-10

1 John 4:9-12

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11.

What attitude does God desire us to have in our giving?

What does giving with a cheerful, loving, and sacrificial heart tend to produce in us? How can letting blessings flow through you to others help you know where these blessings are coming from?

Why do you think becoming a generous person is such a struggle? How do you keep from giving up on doing the right thing even when it is difficult?

What needs do you know of presently at Real Life, either in this group or the larger church body? How could you be a part of generously meeting those needs? God is leading your group to be generous with your time, with your treasure, and with your acts of service. Ask Him what He would like you to do in this coming week.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups exist to promote spiritual maturity and personal growth through meaningful relationships with Jesus and each other through the study of God's Word (Romans 8:29 & Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here's how we accomplish this in our community throughout the week:

SHARE

Each week we'll take time to share what is happening in our lives. At first this sharing will include planned "sharing questions." But after the first few weeks, it will become more informal and personal as we feel more comfortable.

STUDY

Each week we'll study a section from God's Word that relates to the previous weekend's sermon or an appropriate personal growth topic. Our goal is to learn how to live out our Christianity in everyday life by following Jesus.

SUPPORT

Each week we'll learn how to take care of one another as Christ commanded (John 15:9-13). This care can take many forms such as prayer, encouragement, listening, challenging one another and meeting real needs.

SERVE

Spiritual growth is fostered not only by what we gain through the support and input of others, but also through service to others. The role each of us fills is important to the health of the church and for us to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community in which we live (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Throughout the Life Group session, it is our hope that you can find and/or be affirmed in the ways the Father has designed you to serve and make a difference in His kingdom as He conforms you to the image of His Son! (Romans 8:28-30)