

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your next step.

**With your Bible or YouVersion, read Proverbs 22:9 and Luke 6:37-38.**

These passages tell us that when we are generous and give to others, we will be more blessed.

- What types of people, situations, or causes do you tend to be most generous in giving towards? Why do these things catch your eye and touch your heart?

**Read Revelation 3:14-21 and Genesis 32:9-12.**

These verses illustrate two wrong responses to God's blessings: pride and shame.

- How have you struggled with pride when it comes to God's blessings in your life? How have you been able to overcome that pride?
- Why do you think so many of us react with shame when it comes to the blessings God gives us? How should we respond to God's blessings?

**Read Luke 10:25-37 and Isaiah 32:1-8.**

These verses illustrate two types of growing givers: the spontaneous giver and the strategic giver.

- Describe a time when you gave spontaneously. What blessings did you experience and what did you learn from your act of spontaneous giving?
- Describe your plans for giving and how well you are currently carrying out your plans. If you do not have a plan, what do you think a plan of giving should look like in your life?

**Read Mark 12:41-44.**

Jesus illustrates the best type of growing giver in this passage, which is the sacrificial giver.

- Why is giving sacrificially so difficult for most people? What are some specific things you can do to start being a more sacrificial giver not just of your money, but of your resources and time as well?
- Describe someone you know that gives to the degree that the woman Jesus saw gave. How are you challenged by those who give that sacrificially?

## NEXT STEPS

Here are some specific things you can do this week to help you take steps towards living a blessed life.

Become a spontaneous giver this week by sharpening your generous eye. Ask someone who you know that's generous or just ask God to direct you in prayer. Try getting your friends and family involved too.

Write out a strategic plan for giving if you have not already done so. Evaluate your budget and your finances and intentionally find ways where you can give more towards those things that you are passionate about that catch your generous eye.

**Use these prayer tips to guide your time with God this week to expand your conversations both in person and online:**

- Pray and ask God to instill within you a more generous heart towards others.
- Confess to God your struggles with your pride when it comes to God's blessings. Ask God to help you remove that pride.
- Pray and ask God to give you opportunities this week that will allow you to give spontaneously to others.
- Seek God's guidance in prayer in helping you create a giving plan. Ask God where He wants you to give.
- Commit to God in prayer that will strive to give more sacrificially in all areas of your life.