

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of Nov 16-17, 2024

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

A Burden or a Blessing?

(I Timothy 6:18-19)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Timothy 6:18-19.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create a curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

In this final sermon within this series, Pastor Alan points out a third barrier to us experiencing greater life around money, the barrier of "**Viewing generosity as a burden rather than a blessing.**"

Whether generosity feels more like a burden or a blessing to you, share why you think either is the case?

If your perspective has changed throughout your life, share a little bit about this journey.

Pastor Alan points out that Paul uses strong language (the word "command") in his instruction to Timothy within these verses. (vs. 18) and that he suspects this type of language is necessary because generosity does not seem to come naturally to most.

Why do you suppose something that could be so life giving to us would be so counter to our natural tendencies?

Pastor Alan suggests two ways to help us break through this potential instinctual response and to start seeing generosity as the blessing it is.

First, we can **honestly explore our heart**

What emotions surface in you around the topic of generosity?

When you are faced with an opportunity to exhibit generosity, what feelings do you experience?

Pastor Alan stated that, “Our hearts reveal what we truly believe.”

In what ways have you seen this quote play out in your own life around the topic of money?

If wading into generosity has not brought you joy in the past, why might that be?

If living generously has brought you joy, share a little about this experience.

Second, we can **focus our heart on the blessings of generosity** (Acts 20:35)

How fully do you believe/trust that living generously can not only bless those around you, but can transform your own life as well?

In what ways have you seen blessing be the outcome of generosity in your life and in others?

Where are you currently being challenged to exhibit generosity?

How, if at all, might looking through a more eternal lens help you embrace this life-giving practice more fully?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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