



OVERWHELMED

BY GOD'S GRACE & GENEROSITY

WEEK 3: GENEROUS GUARDRAILS

ICE BREAKER

WORSHIP

PRAYER

SERMON REWIND

Jesus calls His followers to be givers who trust the Father's provision. Throughout Scripture, God sets "guardrails" around money—like generosity toward the poor and tithing—not to restrict us but to protect us from self-reliance and to form worshipful dependence. God's idea of a giving community means building a willing heart to give to those in need.

KEY VERSES

Look up these additional verses:

Leviticus 19:9-10 (NIV)

Deuteronomy 15:7-15 (NIV)

Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV)

Luke 6:37-38 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 Treasuring the Right Things

Jesus teaches that money can't be ignored, and it can bring blessings when surrendered correctly or cause fallout if mishandled.

- a. In what ways can money become an issue in our lives, and why is it important to recognize its influence?
- b. Reflect on your own relationship with money. How has it shaped your decisions?

2 God's Protection, Not Restriction

Throughout Scripture, God has been protecting His people from the dangers of a hard heart.

- a. Considering **Leviticus 19:9-10** and **Deuteronomy 15:7-15**, how is God asking us to treat our possessions and neighbors?
- b. What does this say about God? What does this mean for us as a larger community?

3 Worship through Giving

Giving is more than a financial transaction or gift of possessions—it's a declaration that He is God and we are not.

- a. Considering the verses prior: how does giving financially or giving up possessions assert that He is God and we are not?
- b. Where have we chosen to make idols of our finances or possessions? In what ways could we value these things less?

4 Trusting with Little

Jesus calls us to depend on our Heavenly Father above all else, even when we are struggling with our finances.

- a. Financial hardship exists. How can we choose to trust God and cast our worries on Him, even in financial hardship?
- b. How might we surround those in our community who are struggling?

God Cares about Others

God is not in the business of taking back His provision, but He is in the business of caring through us.

- a. How might God's compassionate heart for others change your perspective on giving?
- b. How can we adopt His values? How do we currently pass on this legacy to those around us?

DIVE DEEPER

Personal Reflection: It's easy to treasure possessions and overlook others, but God truly does want us to look out for each other, like family.

- When was a time you treasured your possessions over someone in need (friend, family, stranger, etc.)? How did this affect yourself and that relationship?
- What does that reveal about where your heart was? How is God trying to bring you back into alignment with His heart?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Giving realistic application that'll challenge groups to live out.

Ordering Values—This week, write down:

- What is the order of your values currently?
- How do you want your heart to be ordered?

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you order your values in alignment to His heart for you and others.

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23:6, *"Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever..."*

Let the group rest in His promise as our Shepherd as you close in prayer.

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