"Generosity FIRST"

Pastor Miles McPherson / November 26, 2018

Encouragement:

Pastor Miles began his message describing a Thanksgiving meal. He described all of the wonderful things that are eaten during Thanksgiving. Then he showed a picture of feeding a dog the leftovers that are not eaten at Thanksgiving. He used this analogy to describe how we sometimes give God our leftovers in life instead of giving God our FIRST.

In your rGroup discuss the following questions:

- o What does it mean to give God your FIRST?
- o What are some examples of how you can give God your best?
- How is giving God your FIRST a representation of your faith in HIM?
- How does giving God your FIRST secure a blessing on the rest of what you have?
- How is giving to God our FIRST a reminder of the source of our blessings?

Scripture:

Read Exodus 13:11-15

- What were the Israelites to do after the LORD brought them into the promised land?
 Why? (This is an example of the law in the Old Testament)
- Grace is a higher standard than the law. The cross was never about 10% but about Jesus giving 100% in His blood. God wants our entire hearts. How can we give more of our time, talent, treasure for the Kingdom of God?

Prayer:

Father God, we thank you for our time together today. We thank you for your Word and clearly showing us the examples in the Bible about what it means to give our FIRST and give our best. We pray that You will show us any areas where we are not giving our FIRST to you. We pray that you will bless us as we grow deeper in our love for You and each other and as we seek to return back what you have freely given to us.

Next Steps:

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