

Reviewing the Sunday Message: rGroup Guide

LIVING GENEROUSLY "Seven Ways to the Generous Life"

Brad Formsma | March 31, 2019 | Galatians 6:10 | Proverbs 11:25 | Matthew 5:16

A Do Something Disciple - A person with a disciplined pursuit of the heart of the Father, a heart being perfected in love for God and people.

H – Holiness E – Evangelism A – Appreciation R – Relationships T – Thought

Recite the Do Something Disciple Prayer

"As a Do Something Disciple, I am in a disciplined pursuit for the heart of The Father, a heart that is being perfected in love for God and people.

Father give me a heart that:

- Desperately seeks face-to-face intimacy with You.
- Faithfully avoids that which displeases You.
- Humbly embraces a Kingdom Mindset.
- Values making disciples that make disciples.

Jesus, create in me a heart that:

- Values being guided by the Word of God.
- Gratefully grows in generosity.
- Nurtures a burden for lost people.
- Demonstrates a commitment to a Spirit-filled expression of my gifts.

Holy Spirit develop a heart in me that:

- Gracefully gives and receives forgiveness.
- Passionately worships God.
- Is dependent on the power of prayer.
- Serves with Humility.

"Father, knit my heart with Yours. Fill my heart with Your passions, motivations and desires. In Jesus' Name, amen."

Sermon Application:

In his message, our guest teacher, Brad Formsma, taught us "Seven Ways to the Generous Life." We can give in our <u>thoughts</u>, by our <u>words</u>, with our <u>money</u>, through our <u>influence</u>, our <u>time</u>, through our <u>attention</u>, and by how we share and use our <u>stuff</u>. Commit right now to pray that God would reveal how you can be more generous in each of these seven areas.

Sermon Application Questions:

- **Is our antenna working?** Become more <u>aware</u> of opportunities to give around you every day. Write down the name of one person, family, group, or organization that has a need that you can meet. "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." (Proverbs 11:25 NIV)
- **Brad reminded us that we GET TO give.** We need to be willing to be generous. The benefits of living generously allow us to send treasure ahead of us, and enables us to live a healthier and happier life. Schedule a time, place, and date to fill the need you identified in the first question. "Therefore, as we have opportunity let us do good to all people." (Galatians 6:10 NKJV)
- Brad's son explained by example how generosity begets generosity. Reflect on how your giving of time, talent, or treasure has impacted others or how others giving has impacted your life. Who first modeled generosity to you? Who is observing your generous life? "Let your light shine before men that they will see your good deeds and glorify your father in Heaven." (Matthew 5:16 NKJV)

Next Steps:

- Learn more about discipleship and plat to attend the Vision Night on April 4th with Pastor Miles at 6:30 PM. For more information visit https://www.sdrock.com/events/20615/
- To find a place to serve now, text "SERVE" to 52525. To Give now, text "GIVE" to 52525

<u>Weekly Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 24:13</u> "As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Wickedness proceeds from the wicked.' But my hand shall not be against you."

<u>Monthly Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 10:6 (NKJV)</u> "Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man."

Quote: "Money is like a river; it is meant to keep on moving." ~Evelyn, a 97-year old giver. Watch the rest of Evelyn's story at ilikegiving.com/story