



November 21st Discussion Guide

Joyful Generosity: Matthew 6:19-24

This is a 5 week study from the Book of Matthew. Content for this discussion guide is based on the sermon, so participation in weekly worship will enhance the conversation on this topic. If you want to watch the sermon it can be viewed at [Sermons Archive - Good Shepherd Church Naperville](#)

Prayer

Open your group in prayer.

Icebreaker (10 min)

Share your Thanksgiving plans and traditions with your group.

Discussion (45 min)

1. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.
 - a. From this passage, list the ways Paul tells us how we should give.
 - b. List the ways we are told NOT to give.
 - c. What does this passage say our generosity does for others? For God? For you?
2. Read Matthew 6:19-24.
 - a. Why are we not supposed to store up treasure on earth?
 - b. What treasures can we store that can never be lost? (see Psalm 119:72, Luke 12:15-21, 2 Cor 4:17-18, Phil 3:8, 1 Peter 1:4-5)
 - c. How are your behaviors reflecting what you treasure?
3. What does God want from us? (Matthew 22:37)
4. What does God want for us? (2 Cor. 9:7, Romans 15:13)
5. What do you have the hardest time giving? (money, time, possessions?)
6. How did this sermon change your perspective on the message of generosity?

Application question: What does God need to reveal to you this week about where your heart is at? Where your joy is at? Where your treasures are at?

LORD, when we invest the resources You have given us in things that will have an eternal impact, our hearts will be closer to You. From there we will have the joy You want most for us. Transform our barriers feeling forced and fearful about giving, to living lives of Biblical generosity!

