

Sermon Questions for Community Groups

Sermon: This Changes Everything Part #1 - Generosity

Date: Dec 3, 2017

Scripture: 2 Cor. 8-9

1. When was the last time someone was generous towards you? How were they generous?
2. Who in your life is someone that you would consider a generous person? What traits or values do you notice as they serve others?
3. The radical individualism we are immersed with in the Western world blinds us to something very important. What is it? What does this have to do with Christmas?
4. 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 have a disproportionately large amount of family imagery in comparison to the rest of the letter. Why is that?
5. What are the three principles that will help us understand how people thought in ancient societies and how people think in almost all non-western societies today? How do these help you revision what your place or role in the church is?
6. In the New Testament world, what was the closest family relationship? How does this differ from what our culture would say?
7. What were the major implications of these principles? How could they be applied to our lives?
8. "The church is your family." Why was this idea controversial in Jesus' day? Why is it controversial today? Do you live like the church is your family? Why?
9. How well does our community group do in being family? How can we foster a greater sense of family in our group?
10. The early church exploded in numbers for many reasons but one of the primary reasons was the way that Christians cared for one another. Jesus said this would be the case in John 13:34-35 (read passage). How can our community and city witness our love for one another in the church?
11. The Ghemremeskels need our help to come to Canada and escape persecution in Eritrea, where persecution against Christians is extreme. How might our community group work together to support this family?

Prayer Requests: