



Sermon Based Study Questions for 1.11.2015 Sermon
Generosity: Scrooge v. Onesiphorus
2 Timothy 1:16-18, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Having just come through the Christmas season, we each had special opportunity to give, opportunity to be generous. How did we do?

Was Jesus glorified by our gift-giving approach?

Let's broaden this thought...

Is Jesus glorified by how we approach the whole concept of generosity?

To help us wrestle with this, let's contrast two people – one fictional and well known, the other real yet relatively unknown – Scrooge and Onesiphorus.

Ice Breaker Questions – (choose one to answer/ask)

- Who is the greediest person you know? Real or fictional?
- Is there an area or item of greed you struggle with?

Opening Questions

- Is there anything from Sunday's sermon that really stood out, made an impression, challenged or confused you?
- Why do fear and greed often go hand in hand?
- When does concern over finances cross the line to unhealthy fear?

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Bible Study

Various Scriptures

- According to Matthew 6:25-27, why is worry a worthless endeavor?
- Look at John 14:1. Read the context of this verse.

Why is this a good encouragement?

- Why would Onesiphorus be ashamed of Paul's chains in 1 Timothy 1:16-18?
- How is 2 Corinthians 9:6 true in real life and spiritually?
- How can reluctance and compulsion play into poor giving attitudes in 2 Corinthians 9:7?
- Why does God choose the word "cheerful" to describe the type of giver He loves in 2 Corinthians 9:7?
- How is 2 Corinthians 9:8 the key to all healthy and generous giving?

Application

- Stop and think or journal for a minute about all the ways Jesus has been generous with you. Give Him thanks!
- Pray and ask Jesus to reveal where He wants you to be more generous with your giving.

Scripture memory – 2 Corinthians 9:8

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