



TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Next Generation: Why/Why Now?

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I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, Sovereign LORD; I will proclaim your righteous deeds, yours alone. Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come. **Psalm 71:16-18 (NIV)**

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. **Acts 4:32-35 (NIV)**

Reflection Questions:

Personal

- 1) Jesus, will you reveal to me how I can demonstrate that I place a high value on your Kingdom work in this world?
- 2) Jesus, will you help me give a gift that reflects sacrifice and demonstrates my trust in your provision?
- **3)** God, will you show me how you want me to bless others using what you have blessed me with?

Group

- 1) Why can it be challenging for you to trust God with your money and material possessions?
- 2) We can sometimes be uncomfortable talking about money but Jesus talked about it all the time. Why do you think people are uncomfortable talking about money? Should we talk about money with each other and as a church? Why or why not?
- 3) Jesus says that where our treasure is there our heart will be also. Treasure = Heart Why do you think Jesus tied our money to our love for Him, our trust of Him, and our commitment to building His Kingdom? Have you seen this connection in your own life? Explain.
- **4)** If people were to look at how you spend your time and money and the things that you talk most about, what would they conclude are your top priorities?
- **5)** How have you seen yourself grow in your generosity journey? Describe some tangible ways you have grown.
- **6)** What do you think is your next step in growing in your generosity? Where do you want to see your generosity one day?
- 7) Are you motivated to invest in the next generation? Why or why not?

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