



SERMON TEXT: Acts 20:28-35

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think people tend to feel uncomfortable talking about money, especially in church?
2. James gave a statistic that 15% of what Jesus says is about money. Is that number surprising to you? What do we learn from it?
3. Out of the 7 reasons for why it is more blessed to give than receive (listed below), which ones stood out to you? Which were most compelling?
4. What other reasons could you come up with for why it is better to give than receive? (James said he came up with 15! Consider aiming for at least that many as a group).
5. It is more blessed to give than to receive - but it isn't always easy. What makes it difficult to put this into practice?
6. What do you think is a good next step for you? (Examples: start giving, give more, give to a specific ministry you want to prioritize, give to a specific part of the world you want to grow your heart for, revisit your budget to make more room for generosity)
7. Reasons it is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive
 1. Generosity yields the best return (Matthew 6:19-20)
 2. Generosity frees you from materialism (Ecclesiastes 5:12)
 3. Generosity focuses your priorities (Matthew 6:21)
 4. Generosity gives you the clear conscience of obedience (Hebrews 13:16)
 5. Generosity helps you rest in the God who is in control (1 Timothy 6:17)
 6. Generosity makes you part of something bigger than yourself (2 Corinthians 9:6)
 7. Generosity makes you more like Christ (2 Corinthians 8:9)