



Week 3



What if this church was generous?

Matthew 5:38-42

How did Pastor Dan describe a generous church? How would you revise and refine that description? As a group come up with a working definition for "generosity".

What are some things that the church has done or is doing that causes people to say that it is not generous?

What are some ways today that a church could and should demonstrate generosity?

Would you agree that a radically generous Church would be unstoppable, irresistible, inspirational, and even combustible? Explain...

Would you say that you are a generous person? Why or why not?

Look up the following verses on generosity. What verse did God highlight for you today? Why?

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| - Acts 20:35 | - Proverbs 19:17 |
| - 1 John 3:17 | - Proverbs 21:13 |
| - Hebrews 13:16 | - Psalms 37:26 |
| - Luke 6:38 | - 1 Timothy 6:17-19 |
| - Proverbs 11:24-25 | - 2 Corinthians 9:11-12 |

Read Matthew 5:38-42. Summarize the passage in your own words.

Where would someone have heard previously "an eye for eye"? In what ways was this principle helpful? How did Jesus change or expand this principle for His followers?

Jesus calls us to be generous in several specific ways with the people around us:

- by "turning the other cheek" - giving back reactions
- by "hand over your coat also" - giving away riches
- by "going the second mile" - giving up rights

In what ways did you agree or disagree with Pastor Dan's application of these three commands to not resist generosity?

Give some present-day examples of how you might "turn the cheek", "give the coat" and "go the 2nd mile".

Looking at these three examples of generosity, which is most difficult for you to give: reactions, riches or rights?

Discuss together ways that you and our church could be more generous with others.

Be prepared to share next week one example from this coming week when:

- you experienced generosity from someone else
- you chose to show generosity to someone else
- you recognized God's generosity in your life