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WEEKLY APPLICATION

MAIN IDEA: Our generosity opens the door for people to experience the love of Jesus

HEAD CHANGE: Generosity is giving more than is expected or required.

HEART CHANGE: Remember how generous Jesus was with his life and let your generosity flow from Him.

LIFE CHANGE: We work every day to fill the earth with the light and warmth of hospitality and generosity.

OVERVIEW

A generous heart does not look to give the bare minimum or simply what is needed but to go above and beyond. Often we settle for what is good instead of what is great. However, the life of Jesus calls us to consider not that which is good, or which is great, but to live for what is God. Jesus shows us how to live with the privilege of generosity. He was generous with His time, reputation, rights, and His friendship. It was the generosity of Jesus that caused people like Zacchaeus to leave everything behind and experience the love of God, and so it should be ours. The privilege of the people of Ethos is to be a generous people to give more than is expected and allow our generosity to shine a light on the God that gave us more than was expected.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What stood out to you in this teaching and why?
- 2. What is easy for you to be generous with? What is hard for you to be generous with? Why do you think that is?
- 3. Can you share a time when someone was generous with you (gave you more than was expected)? How did this make you feel? What did you do in response?
- 4. How does the life and generosity of Jesus change the way you think about generosity? Why is that impactful?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for what you have given to us. You gave your life to us while we did not deserve it. Allow the way you love us and the way you lived change our perspective and open up our hearts to be people that go above and beyond what is expected or required of us. Remind us of your love and give us opportunities to generous with the people all around us so that they know more of you. In Jesus' name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!