

Week 7 – Giving

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Daily Discussion Guide



We know everyone here is at a different place in their faith and growth looks very different on a case-by-case basis. What does it look like, though, to grow from wherever we are now to continually making disciples? “What's Next” will help us to unpack and highlight possible next steps.

Our culture tells us that the key to living a meaningful life is found in acquiring *more* – more money, more nice things, more toys for the kids, more experiences, more *this*, and more *that*. The only problem is that it’s a lie.

Both the teachings and the example of Jesus show us that life is not found in the accumulation of goods, but in giving ourselves away (our time, resources, influence, possessions, money, etc.).

One way we know this to be true is by just considering how much would be enough. Have you ever thought about that?

- How much is enough money? Put a dollar amount on it.
- How many nice things in your home until you’re content? Put a number on it.
- How many places do you need to travel to feel fulfilled? Put a number on it.

We can’t do it. You and I know intuitively that we’ll never be satisfied with those things. Because while they’re *good*, they’re not *ultimate*.

The other way we know that life is found not in the accumulation of things, but rather in the giving of ourselves away is because of Jesus’ resurrection. God vindicated both Jesus’ life and teachings when He raised Jesus from the dead. Think about that. When God raised Jesus up, he was essentially saying, “This is my Son. Everything he said is true. Everything he did corresponds to what is actually real about life.”

So, even when we are tempted to think that maybe we know best, when we look to Jesus we can know for sure whether or not it is congruent with reality.

This week, we’ll be diving into accumulating’s opposite: *Giving*.

Here are some Scriptures for you to reflect on each day:

- Monday = Luke 12:13-15
- Tuesday = Luke 12:22-34

- Wednesday = Luke 21:1-4
- Thursday = Luke 18:18-30; Luke 19:1-10
- Friday = 1 Timothy 6:17-19