

Grab Gather and Grow

Week of November 12th

Grab this study, Gather a few people, and Grow in faith

SCRIPTURE

(read over the scripture together)

“For where your treasure is there your heart will be also” Matthew 6:2

DISCUSSION

Read over Matthew 6:2 and then think about how you spend your money.

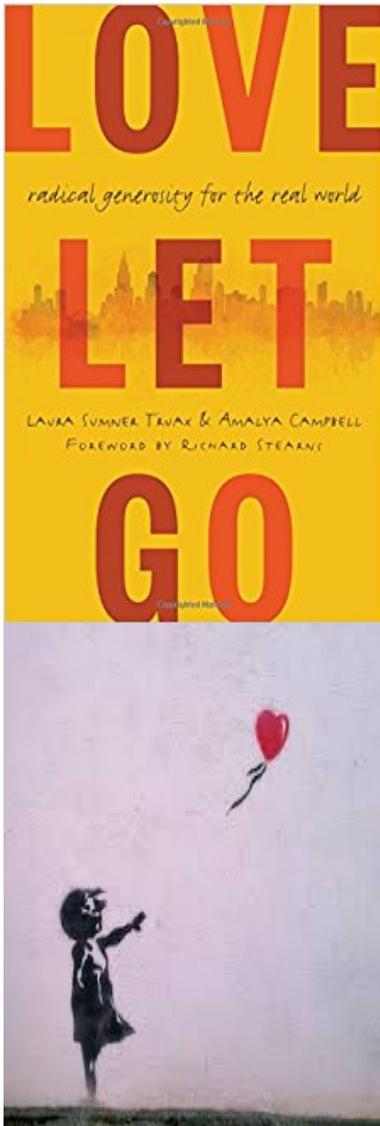
Then discuss “where do you put your treasure?”

The benefits of a generous life are demonstrated, verified, and authentic. And they’re all right within our grasp—no matter how little or how much we have. At the end of the day, we seem to be hard-wired for giving. 5% of American adults tithed (giving 10%) in 2012 (Barna). If generosity is a super-power, how are you experiencing that power? In what ways do you give now and how do you hope to give in the future?

Tithing?

Not hard or heroic, generosity simply begins with awareness. This is how generosity always begins. Every day, even when squeezed by scarcity, we receive opportunities to view the world (SeeAllthePeople) from the vantage point of generosity. Generosity reorients us to others and to our contexts. Generosity allows us to step boldly and humbly into a greater narrative where our actions move the plot forward. Generosity grants us the freedom and perspective to be the beggar telling another beggar where to find food.

What are you “*aware*” of in our church? Our Community? Our World?



Our very first framing story is the story of a generous God who freely yields everything to us. There was enough for the earth to flourish and for people to prosper. We were invited to take part in a very good world. Leaning into this framing story has all sorts of implications for how human life is constructed. It means that before we were gripped by the fear of scarcity, we knew the reality of abundance; before we felt the spasm of self-protection, we felt the pleasure of plenty. And before there was a story of human isolation and fear, there was a bigger and greater story of community and blessing. Abundance and scarcity often fight for the right to be our framing story. Where have you seen evidence of this conflict in your life? What events or circumstances trigger fear in you or in the people around you?

SERVE

Our *Change For Change* Offering is for the Emma Norton for Homeless Women, Youth and Families in the Metro. Collect your change, or make a donation to our *Change for Change* offering.

Contact Emma Norton (www.emmanorton.org) and set up a volunteer event or collect supplies they need and deliver them.

If you discussed our third question, put together a service event that meets one of the needs in our community that you became aware of through your discussion.

FAITH FIVE AT HOME THIS WEEK

Share, Read, Talk, Pray and Bless through life this week.

Each day, gather together and share each person's high and low of the day. Read a piece of Scripture; Talk together about the scripture and how it relates to your day; Pray about your highs and lows and where God is leading you; and at the end of the day share the following blessing: "*Through Christ, May You Let Love Go.*"

SUNDAY: 2 Corinthians 8:7 (Sermon Text)

MONDAY: Luke 6:38

TUESDAY: Luke 12:20

WEDNESDAY: Luke 8:5

THURSDAY: I Timothy 6:18-19

FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 8:24

SATURDAY: Matthew 6:21 Our Theme verse for **LOVE LET GO.**