

August 17 – 23

Crypto Faith | Faith and Generosity

Icebreaker: If you could invest in anything right now—real or imaginary—without the risk of losing money, what would it be and why?

In this session, we'll explore how our investment choices reflect our view of God and how a shift in our worldview can lead us to live fearlessly and generously for His Kingdom.

Read Luke 6:36–38

1. A Shift in How We See the World

- How did Jesus' teaching in this passage challenge the common attitudes about judging, forgiving, or giving at that time? How had legalism shaped Jewish attitudes toward these actions?
- Today, when it comes to judging, forgiving, and giving, what is the motivating principle for people in our world? Why?
- Jesus connects giving with mercy, forgiveness, and avoiding judgment. Why do you think he links these together?
- Jesus calls us to move from a mindset of rules and self-protection to one of grace and trust. How might this change the way you approach your finances and generosity?

2. This Shift Takes Away Fear

- Forgiving and giving can feel risky because they make us vulnerable. Which is harder for you: forgiving someone who has hurt you or giving generously without worrying about having enough? Why?
- Share a time when you experienced God removing fear after stepping out in faith to give or forgive.
- How does knowing that God has forgiven you and promises to provide help you overcome fear and move beyond self-protection?

3. God's Measure

- Jesus describes God's generosity as "good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over." What does that imagery reveal about His character?
- Giving to God's Kingdom isn't a gamble—it's an investment with a guaranteed return. How does trusting God's character shape your willingness to give?
- How have you personally experienced God's "running over" generosity?
- Psalm 24:1 says, "The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." How does knowing that everything belongs to God inspire you to live more generously?

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Application

- **Stretch Your Faith:** Identify one way you can be generous this week—financially, with your time, or in showing mercy/forgiveness—that pushes you beyond your comfort zone.
- **Reflect:** What's one area where fear has kept you from giving generously (time, money, talents)? What's one practical step you can take this week to trust God and give boldly?
- **Prayer:** Close by praying together, asking God to help your group grow in a perspective rooted in His grace, free from fear, and marked by generosity.