

Week 1 An Indescribable Gift

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**Icebreaker:** Share one act of generosity you experienced or witnessed recently. How did it impact you or others involved?

# **Scripture Exploration**

- Read Matthew 6:24. What does Jesus mean when He says you cannot serve both God and money?
- Examine Acts 4:32-37. What are the characteristics of the early church's approach to possessions and generosity?

# **Group Discussion Questions**

**Reflect** - Jesus teaches that no one can serve two masters—you cannot serve both God and money (Matthew 6:24). Reflect on this tension in your own life.

**Emotional and Spiritual Response -** Consider your own emotional and spiritual reaction to the sermon's message on generosity and stewardship. Did it comfort, convict, or challenge you?

**Personal Application -** Generosity flows naturally from hearts transformed by grace. How can you cultivate a generous spirit in your daily routines, relationships, and finances? What practical steps could help you move from obligation to joyful giving?

**Theological Reflection -** The sermon described money as a *rival god*—something that seeks the loyalty only God deserves. How does this redefine the way you think about idolatry? In what ways might trust in God's provision free you from anxiety or comparison?



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#### **Personal Reflection**

- What theological implications arise from Jesus' teachings on money and possessions?
- How does the early church's practice of sharing possessions in Acts 4:32-37
  reflect the teachings of Jesus?
- Consider how the concept of grace is connected to generosity in the sermon.
  What does this reveal about God's character?

# **Personal Application**

- How can you personally respond to Jesus' warning about serving money? What steps can you take to ensure God remains your primary focus?
- Identify a specific way you can practice generosity in your community this week.
  What resources or talents can you share?
- Plan an action step that involves engaging with your community to meet a need, inspired by the early church's example.
- Reflect on a time when you experienced grace. How can this inspire you to extend grace to others through generosity?