



who we are.

SERIES: WHO WE ARE – CHURCH VALUES

WEEK 6: GENEROUS

SPEAKER: PASTOR MONICA CAREY

SERMON SUMMARY

Pastor Monica closed out the Who We Are series with a heartfelt and powerful message on the value of generosity—a lifestyle rooted in the nature of God Himself. Generosity, she explained, isn't just about money—it's about a posture of the heart that blesses others with our time, talents, and resources. Drawing from Matthew 6, Acts 4, and real-life stories, she challenged us to examine what we treasure and how we steward what God has entrusted to us.

Generosity is not about what God wants from us—it's about what He wants for us. When we live with open hands rather than closed fists, we reflect the image of our generous God and participate in His kingdom work. In a world that often says, "Get what you can while you can," Jesus calls us to live counter-culturally: to give, to trust, and to bless.

OPENING PRAYER

God, You are a generous Father. Thank You for blessing us so abundantly. As we reflect on what it means to live generously, help us to let go of fear and grasp the joy of giving. Teach us to treasure You above all else. Amen.

ICEBREAKER

What's the most generous act (big or small) that someone has ever done for you? How did it impact you?

SCRIPTURE READING

READ: MATTHEW 6:19–24 & ACTS 4:32–35

DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

1. WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS

- In Matthew 6, Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." What does that mean in your own life?
- Why do you think Jesus speaks so often about money and possessions?
- How can we guard our hearts from letting our stuff become our security or identity?

2. THE GENEROUS EYE

- Monica explained how, in Jesus' culture, a "healthy eye" meant a generous perspective, and an "unhealthy eye" meant a stingy one. How does the way we view the world (and our stuff) shape our spiritual life?
- What does it look like to live with an open hand rather than a closed fist?

3. GENEROSITY AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Read Acts 4:32–35. What stands out to you about how the early church practiced generosity?
- How is generosity evidence of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives?
- Monica said miracles aren't only healings—they're also radical generosity. Do you agree? Why or why not?

4. STEWARDSHIP VS. OWNERSHIP

- What's the difference between being a steward and an owner?
- Monica quoted: "There is not one square inch of human existence over which Christ does not cry, 'Mine.'" How does that shift the way you view your time, money, or possessions?
- In what areas do you find it hardest to view yourself as a steward?

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Generosity reflects the very nature of God and is central to the way of Jesus.
- We are not owners, but stewards of all we've been given—time, talent, and treasure.
- Living generously breaks the grip of greed, fear, and consumerism in our hearts.
- When we give, we participate in God's work and experience the joy of Christlike love.

APPLICATION FOR THE WEEK

- Reflect: Is there an area of your life where you've been holding on too tightly—time, money, possessions, etc.?
- Pray: Ask God to give you a "generous eye" and an open hand this week.
- Act: Choose one tangible act of generosity this week—buy a meal, give time, bless someone with a gift, or support a ministry.
- Group Challenge: As a Life Group, brainstorm a way to bless someone in your community together.

PRAYER & CLOSING

- Thank God for His generosity toward you in Christ.
- Pray for courage to live open-handed and counter-culturally.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your decisions in how you give, serve, and bless others.