

Sermon Notes Page  
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Month of Purpose!  
Week #4 – Building a Culture of Generosity  
November 26, 2023  
Matthew 20:1-16

1. Together, we make a difference by CONNECTING, GROWING, & SERVING God and Others.
2. CONNECT Sunday – Hebrews 10:19-25
  - a. Let us SPUR (parosysmos) one another on to love & good deeds.
  - b. CONNECTING is where we spur one another on to love & good deeds.
3. GROW Sunday – Ephesians 4:12-16
  - a. The goal: measure up to Christ.
  - b. We grow more like Christ when we grow together.
4. SERVE Sunday – Matthew 25:31-46
  - a. Faith requires us to Serve.
  - b. True service is in building relationships with the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick and imprisoned.
5. Building a Culture of Generosity
  - a. A Culture of Generosity vs. A Culture of Scarcity
    - i. Generosity applies to all aspects of our life and community.
    - ii. Scarcity hinders our ability to connect, grow, and serve.
  - b. Building a Culture of Generosity
    - i. Matthew 20:16 – “Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my money? Are you envious because I am generous?”
    - ii. Fight against expectation.
      1. We are happy with what we have – until expectation arrives.
      2. Expectation robs us of our satisfaction and generosity.
      3. When it creeps into our faith, it gets between us and God.
    - iii. Matthew 19:16-26 – The rich young man.
      1. He followed the rules the best he could.
      2. He could get to generosity.
    - iv. Matthew 20:16: “The last will be first, and the first will be last.”