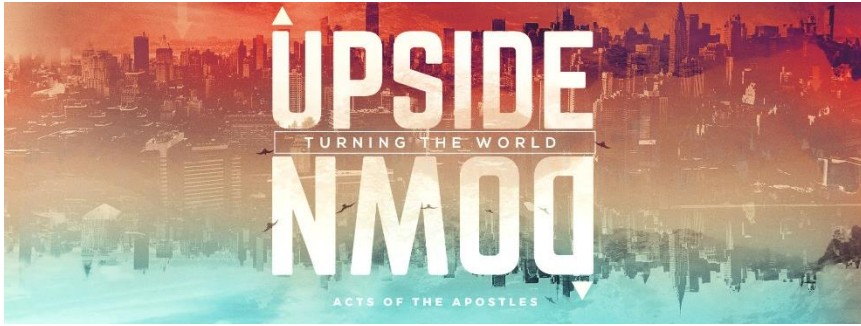




The Grace of Generosity, Part Three
Life Group Study, Week of February 20, 2022

Engage.

Finish this sentence: *“Apart from Jesus, the most generous person I’ve ever personally known is _____, because...”*

If you had the opportunity to hear Pastor Jim’s message on Sunday, what stood out to you personally? What questions or conflicts did it raise for you, if any?

Look at the Book

Agree or Disagree: *“If you want to know where someone’s heart is, just follow the treasure trail.”*

Read Genesis 4:1-8 and Hebrews 11:4. Why did God look with favor on Abel and his offering, but not on Cain and his offering?

What does exercising faith require of us with regard to when, what and how we give to God?

What principles for our own worship do you think God wants us to see in this passage and apply?

Read Malachi 3:6-12. What specifically were the Israelites getting wrong in their relationships with money and possessions? How was it impacting their relationship with God? Why?

In what does God invite them to test him?

List the promises God makes in verses 10, 11 and 12. If God were making the same promises to His people in 21st century America (*and He is*), would they read differently? If so, how?

In what ways might the financial faithfulness of God’s people result in enhanced witness to the watching world?

Read Malachi 1:6-14. What particular problem is God confronting in this passage? What are some contemporary parallels?

What prescription does He give for correcting it?

Read 2 Samuel 24:18-25. Why did David turn down Araunah’s considerable offer of sacrificial generosity in verses 23-24?

What posture of heart is David expressing in verse 25? How would you state it?

Apply

How do you personally want to respond to what we have discussed?