

- Secret Giving -

ICE-BREAKERS:

- If you had to evacuate your home due to an impending natural disaster, what 3 things would you try to take to safety?
- How likely are you to seek the approval of others, and how do you manage that in your life?

DISCUSSION:

1. Read Matthew 6:1-4

- What is Jesus' teaching here about the process of giving?
- Why is secrecy a good indicator of motive in giving?
- Name some proper and improper motivations for giving.
- How might giving become as habitual to you as something like tying your shoe?

2. Read Mark 12:41-43

- What is the difference in the style of giving of the rich and the widow?
- Why does Jesus say the widow, who gave a tiny amount, gave more than all the rest of the crowd?

3. Contemplate the following rewards for generosity and discuss how they might impact your perspective on giving.

- Blessing – (Read Acts 20:35)
- More relational connection – (Read 2 Corinthians 9:14)
- Freedom – (Read Matthew 10:8)
- Joy – (Read 1 Chronicles 29:9)
- Blessing the next generation – (Read Psalm 37:26)
- Multiplied impact – (Read Mark 12:41-43)
- A new financial partner – (Read Luke 6:38, Malachi 3:10; II Corinthians 9:6-11)

APPLICATION:

- In your estimation, how are you doing in the area of giving (both time and treasures) and how might you improve in those areas?