

MESSAGE: THANKFUL LIVING... *Through the Grace of Giving* 11.3.19

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GETTING STARTED

1. Would you describe yourself as a giver or a taker? Explain.
2. What types of situations do you find yourself being “generous”?
3. Is there anything in this week’s message that caught your attention, challenged you or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What would you describe in life that gives you a sense of “joy”? What are some of the things you do to try and experience that joy?
2. Pastor Mark made comparisons between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of this world. Spend some time making your own comparisons based on your experience. What are the indicators that tell you which kingdom you are living in?
3. Pastor Mark talked about giving being the conduit from which grace flows. Do you agree or disagree? In what way is Grace connected to the Kingdom of God?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. According to Paul, what were the things that lead to the Macedonians being so generous?
5. How can joy lead to generosity, even when a person lives in poverty?
6. How can the fact that Christ became poor on your behalf, and was later exalted by God, motivate you to follow His example?

TAKE AWAY

1. Evaluating your own life right now, what areas seem to be “stagnant” and not experiencing God’s Grace? Where would you say you need to increase the flow of grace through giving?
2. What steps can you take this week to review and improve your financial support of the Lord’s work? In what ways besides giving money can you be generous to others in the name of Christ this week?
3. How can people be praying for you this week?

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