

COMMUNITY GROUP - QUESTIONS ONLY

Fall 2024 - Salty Church - "Fearless Generosity"

Monday, Oct. 7 - Sunday, Oct. 13 (Week 5)

In week 2 of our Salty Church vision series, Pastor McKinney highlights "fearless generosity" stressing that this aspect of discipleship cannot be understated, as Jesus frequently addressed the relationship between discipleship and money. He illustrates the dangers of covetousness and anxiety surrounding financial matters, drawing from Luke 12 to provide biblical insights meant to liberate us from fear. He discusses how Jesus addresses these fears by offering six reasons why Christians should not be anxious:

- 1. Life is more than our earthly provisions (Luke 12:23)*
- 2. God always provides for birds and you are far more valuable than birds (Luke 12:24)*
- 3. Being anxious is a fruitless endeavor and waste of time (Luke 12:25-26)*
- 4. God cares for flowers and flowers are nothing compared to you (Luke 12:27-28)*
- 5. If you become ruled by fear and anxiety you will be just like the world (Luke 12:29)*
- 6. Your Father in heaven knows each and every need of yours and promises to provide for them all (Luke 12:30-31)*

Ultimately, Pastor Mike challenges us to view our wealth in light of eternal significance, living generously and fearlessly, confident in God's promise to provide abundantly. He closed the sermon with practical steps to cultivate a lifestyle of generosity, reinforcing that through conscious choices about money, believers can direct their hearts towards God's kingdom and experience the transformative joy of generous living.

QUESTION #1: How would you define generosity, and how does it differ from how the world defines it? How does Jesus define generosity?

QUESTION #2: The sermon mentioned that fear and covetousness are barriers to generosity. Which of these do you find more challenging, and why?

QUESTION #3: Discuss the six reasons Jesus gives for not being anxious about provisions (*listed above in sermon summary*). Which reason resonates most with you, and why?

QUESTION #4: The sermon emphasized that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. How does this principle manifest in your life?

QUESTION #5: What fears do you have about being generous, and how do they impact your willingness to give?