

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Rhythms: Generosity

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Message: Generous Living Until He Comes

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Memory Verse: Matthew 6:22 ESV

The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: We live generously (as faithful caretakers) until the appearance of our master, Jesus.

Read Luke 12:35-48

1. Jesus says to "be ready." What does it mean to you to be ready? How does this readiness show in your regular habits and decisions? How have you been inspired to be spiritually engaged by the actions of others?
2. What steps can you take to grow in readiness? Are there areas of your life where you feel unequipped? What obstacles prevent you from being spiritually prepared or available for God's service?
3. In our waiting for Jesus' return, is there any area of your life where you have become complacent, frustrated, or distracted? What impact does this have on how you view your own sin or the sins that are prevalent in our culture today? How can you persist through these distractions to be found ready when the Master returns?



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4. What does it mean to be a steward of God's things rather than an owner? Do you view yourself as a steward or an owner? Why do you think we struggle with viewing our possessions as belonging to God and not ourselves? How should viewing ourselves as stewards of God's resources shape the way we think about generosity and giving?
5. Jesus warns of the servant who knows the master's will but does not do it. Are there areas where you feel God has made His will clear to you, through the Bible or otherwise, but you have delayed or resisted obedience? How can you take a step toward faithfulness this week?
6. We all have been given gifts. God calls us to steward these gifts faithfully, using them to bless the people around us. What gifts do you think you have been blessed with? How can we use our gifts to bless the people with whom we regularly interact?
7. Reflect on verse 48 which conveys that God expects a return on what He has given us. Consider how you are using the gifts God has given you. Are you stewarding them in such a way that they will bear fruit for God's kingdom? How are you stewarding them?
8. Why does living at or above our income level make it hard to be generous? What sacrifices or changes might you need to make in order to live below your income level? With more capacity, where would you like to be more generous?



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