

OPENING DOORS

The Time to be Generous is Now | Destin Garner

ICEBREAKER:

Share one act of generosity you extended or received this week. What impact did that have on you?

READ:

Mark 2:1-13; 1 Chronicles 29:2

DISCUSS/OBSERVE:

1. What do we learn about Jesus from reading Mark 2:1-13?
2. What does the desperate action of the paralytic man's friends to get him to Jesus reveal about their faith and commitment (verses 3-4)? How does their steadfast persistence challenge us to show faith and help those with urgent needs today?
3. Think of a time when you acted with urgency to meet a spiritual need. What prompted you to act immediately? What factors – like comfort, fear, or lack of awareness – keep us from acting on this kind of urgency more often?
4. King David made immensely generous provisions for a temple he would never live to see built (1 Chronicles 29:2-5). What is the legacy you are building for the next generation, and what can we learn from David's example about sacrificial generosity for the future?
5. What does "radical generosity" mean to you personally?
6. Can you identify any reasons why you might be hesitant to trust God's provision? What fears or doubts hold you back from opening doors with radical generosity?

REFLECTION:

Where do you find the line between convenient giving and sacrificial generosity in your own life? What needs to change in your life to open doors towards more radical generosity?

Often we are held back from experiencing God's best because we perceive what we have is not enough. Pause, consider, and list out all the things you have and offer them to Jesus so that He can bless and multiply them for the sake of His mission.

APPLICATION:

How will you respond and participate in opening doors to the Kingdom of God for those with urgent needs in your immediate community and beyond?

Pray for the people in your life, inside or outside the church, who are spiritually paralyzed and need to be brought to Jesus. Invite those that are able to join you for worship next Sunday!