

SELF LESS

EXTRAVAGANT IN GIVING – WEEK 3

Small Group Time:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with key questions, add any optional Scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

Main Idea:

We constantly make decisions about who we want to be. We make resolutions; we set goals. Often, these goals are focused on ourselves. Losing weight, saving money—even the best goals are often inherently self-centered. Christ did not call us to live that way. To live the life God has for us, we must be willing to reject our own comfort for the good of others. It's not easy, and it sure isn't comfortable. But when we start living a generous life, God can do so much more.

Key Questions:

1. Rank how generous you are on a scale of 1-10. Why that number?!
2. Who are some of the most selfless people you know?
3. Read **Haggai 1:6**. Have you ever been able to relate to this verse—or can you right now? How so?
4. What's the scariest thing about giving more of what you have?
5. When is the last time you gave away so much it scared you? What happened next?
6. Do you currently have the bag, basket, or barn mindset? What does that look like for you?
7. Ben said, "God asks us to give first to build our faith. It's about faith not finances?" How would giving first, instead of last or with the leftovers, build your faith? Why does God want to build our faith? (**Matthew 17:20**)

Next Steps:

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?
- What would it take to move toward the barn mindset? What's a specific step you can take?