

# FRIENDS

...TOGETHER ON MISSION...

## “Friends” - Week 6: *Generous Friends*

### **Introduction** (*Read aloud before discussion.*)

Perhaps generosity changes the world and people more than anything else. Because of this, generosity is fiercely opposed. We need a good friend, a few friends, a spouse, or a group so that we can enter this adventure of being generous friends of God.

### **Sermon Discussion** (*Use as a guide for dialogue, let God lead, and read the verses aloud.*)

1. We as a church (generous friends of God) gave almost \$100,000 for our new Manna House construction project which will quadruple the square footage for that ministry. And we did this in a pandemic! Talk about that.
2. Read Acts 4:33-35. What stands out to you in this passage (Travis called it a “culture of generosity”)? What does a culture of generosity look like and why is it exciting?
3. Read Acts 11:25-26. Barnabas and Saul, generous friends of God, lived and taught the church about generosity. Have you experienced a friendship, a relationship, or a group that taught you and helped you press into generosity? Share.
4. What refrains you from being generous? It could be fear, judgment, selfishness, greed, or it could be something else. What is it for you?
5. Read Acts 11:28-30. When news of the famine reached this church, they didn’t ask, “what should I do, how should I plan?” Rather, they asked, “who can we bless, how can we help?” When hard times seem to be on the horizon, what question do you tend to ask?
6. What could you do in order to bring the idea and the thrill of generosity into a friendship, family, or relationship in your life?

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**Ministry Time** (*Invite the Spirit of God to come. Say, “Come Holy Spirit.”*)

In the name of Jesus, stand against anything that keeps you from generosity and ask for God’s power to come and move through you in this stirring and powerful area.

**Spiritual Formation** (*This is a weekly practice as we seek to be with and like Jesus.*)

Bring up the topic of generosity with a friend, a spouse, a child, a group, a division, or department this week. This can be awkward and risky. This will be fiercely opposed by the enemy. However, this will bring about a formation in our character and the beginning of a change in our world.

**Daily Reading** (*Tune into the daily “Together On Mission” podcast, and let’s start every day with Jesus.*)

**MON**

Acts 4 | Psalm 90

**TUES**

Acts 11 | Psalm 91

**WED**

Matthew 14 | Psalm 92

**THUR**

Philippians 4 | Psalm 93

**FRI**

1 Timothy 6 | Psalm 94

**SAT**

Catch up on daily reading or choose a passage, any passage and enjoy

**Tune in next week for “Friends” - Week 7: *Friends that are also lovers***