

James | Sermon on the Amount 5/5/2024 Reflect + Discuss

- What is a memory of a time you either gave a great gift or received a great gift? What made it special?
- Read Acts 20:35. How does this verse make you feel? Have you ever experienced greater joy to give than to receive?
- Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9. How did Paul motivate the people to give? What is the significance of the amount that was given? Why does Paul see generosity as such a crucial piece of sharing the gospel?
- Read Luke 21:1-4. What does the story of the poor widow reveal about the nature of giving? What motivated her to give? How can we recognize our own motivations to be generous?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. What is the connection between living generously and spiritual transformation? Are there areas in your life where you are reluctant to give? Are there practical steps we can take to become more generous?

Pray

- Pray that God will help us to image him through living generously. Pray that we may loosen our grip where it is tight, so that we may joyfully give to the purposes God cares about. As we reflect on our motivations, pray for us to be transformed into God's likeness and that we may grow in the grace of giving.

Next Steps

- Check out the <u>resources page</u> for links to several Bible reading plans and other helpful tools. Explore other opportunities for growth and transformation by checking out <u>courses</u>.