

James | Giving to God's Mission 5/12/2024 Reflect + Discuss

- Are there ways you were expected to "pitch in" with your family growing up or in another type of shared living community? What are some things that were expected of you?
- Read 2 Timothy 6:17-19. What do these verses show us about the importance of being generous? Why do you think Paul made it a command to be generous rather than just strongly suggesting it?
- Read Matthew 28:19-20. Read Matthew 16:18. What do these verses reveal to us about God's mission? How does God plan to accomplish his mission and what role does the church play in it? How does Blackhawk Church fit into God's mission?
- Matt shared several of stories of how God is at work through Blackhawk (Study Day, Love Madison, baptism, etc.). How do these types of stories impact the way you feel about giving to the local church? How does our giving impact real transformation in our church community? Are there reasons you are reluctant to give to the local church?
- Read Acts 20:35. What are some key takeaways from this three-week series? Are there any practical steps you want to take regarding your finances? If you're comfortable, share it with the group.

Pray

- Pray that God will help us as we reflect on the power of money. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we consider our own relationship with our finances. If there are places where we are tight-fisted, pray that God will help us to be open-handed. Pray that God will move our church to be even more generous so that the gospel can continue to go forward.

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>.