

ACTS EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

Sunday, April 23, 2023 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Dave Winters

Part 23 | Christian = Generous

Acts 11:26b-30

CHRISTIANS are generous

Christ changes hearts & wallets Acts 2:44-47; 4:34-35; 19:18-19

all we have is the Lord's Psalm 50:10-11; Colossians 1:16

grace is how we live Ephesians 4:28; James 1:17

because God is GENEROUS,

God's character is generous Titus 3:4-6; Romans 8:32

God's generosity leads you to gratitude 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

and generosity has BLESSING all around!

generosity is a blessing to yourself Proverbs 22:9; Deuteronomy 15:10; Acts 20:35

generosity keeps your heart free from slavery to self Matthew 6:19-24

TITLES USED IN ACTS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

In Acts, God's redeemed people (those who've repented and put their faith in Christ) are referred to with many titles.

Believers

1:15; 2:44; 4:32; 5:12; 9:41; 10:45; 15:2, 23; 16:1, 15; 21:25

The Church

5:11; 8:1, 3; 9:31; 11:22; 12:1, 5; 13:1; 14:23; 15:3-4, 41; 16:5; 18:22; 20:17

Disciples

6:1-2, 7; 9:1, 10, 19, 26, 36; 11:29; 13:52; 14:20-22; 18:23; 19:9; 21:4-5, 16

Brother/Sister | brothers/sisters

6:3; 9:17, 30; 10:23; 11:1, 29; 12:17; 14:2; 15:3, 22, 32-33, 36; 16:2, 40; 17:6, 10; 18:18, 27; 21:7, 17; 28:14-15

The Way

9:2; 19:9, 23; 24:22

The Lord's People

9:32

Christians

11:26; 26:28

Follower/followers

17:34; 22:4; 24:14

The Flock

20:28-29

Adapted from Bruce B. Barton and Grant R. Osborne, Acts, Life Application Bible Commentary (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale House, 1999), 197.



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Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Group!

Getting to Know You

One goal of Life Groups is to get to know one another and engage in conversation. *We live in a world of incredible technology. If you had to give up two of the technologies below 24/7 for a week, which would they be and why?*

- Cell Phone
- TV (including streaming/YouTube/etc.)
- Social Media
- Internet (w/o social media)
- Digital photography/music
- Navigation in your car/phone

If you could only keep one for a year... which would it be and why?

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

Digging Deeper

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

- Our generosity usually flows from the perspective of our possessions. How might a person balance saving, retirement, and the attitude of the man in the parable found in **LUKE 12:13-21**?
 - **Circle or highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention.
 - **Underline** what you think is important to remember.
 - **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸ Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

²¹ "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

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Welcome to Wawasee!

OUR CORE VALUES

These are things you'll see to be true about us...



1. It's All About Jesus!

You'll hear us say this often.—Why? Because *it's all about Jesus!* Apart from his death, burial, and resurrection we're wasting our time.



2. God Wrote it All Down

God wrote a book—and we are to believe the Bible in all that it teaches, obey it in all it requires, and trust it in all that it promises.



3. All People Matter

No matter who you are, where you're from, what you've done, or what's been done to you—you *matter to Jesus and you matter to us!*



4. We All Need Friends

You were designed to belong, not to go through life alone. Jesus created each of us desiring friendship and to live in community.



5. No Sacred Cows

Jesus is sacred, God's Word is sacred, *but our opinions, methods, and traditions are not*—we'll let go of any of them if more people can experience life change through the Gospel!

Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

⁶The **point** is this: whoever **sows sparingly** will also reap **sparingly**, and whoever **sows bountifully** will also reap **bountifully**. ⁷**Each** one must **give** as he has **decided** in his **heart**, not **reluctantly** or under **compulsion**, for God **loves a cheerful giver**. ⁸And God is **able** to **make all grace abound** to you, so that **having all sufficiency** in all **things** at all **times**, you may **abound in every good work**. ⁹As it is written, "He has **distributed freely**, he has **given** to the **poor**; his **righteousness** endures forever." ¹⁰He who **supplies seed** to the sower and bread for food will **supply** and multiply your **seed** for **sowing** and increase the harvest of your **righteousness**. ¹¹You will be enriched in **every way** to be generous in **every way**...

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life groups Study Guide (continued)

- What are one or two decisions this man could have made that would have demonstrated a wiser outlook?
2. It's not odd to think if we made more money we would be more generous. But studies show this usually isn't the case. How might the following verses help you develop a healthy perspective about your finances and the spiritual discipline of generosity?

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Psalm 46:10

Proverbs 13:11

Proverbs 15:22

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Matthew 6:19-21

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. Pray especially that God would help us forgive and love... as well as crush our biases toward people.

Divide into separate groups of men and women and pray for one another.

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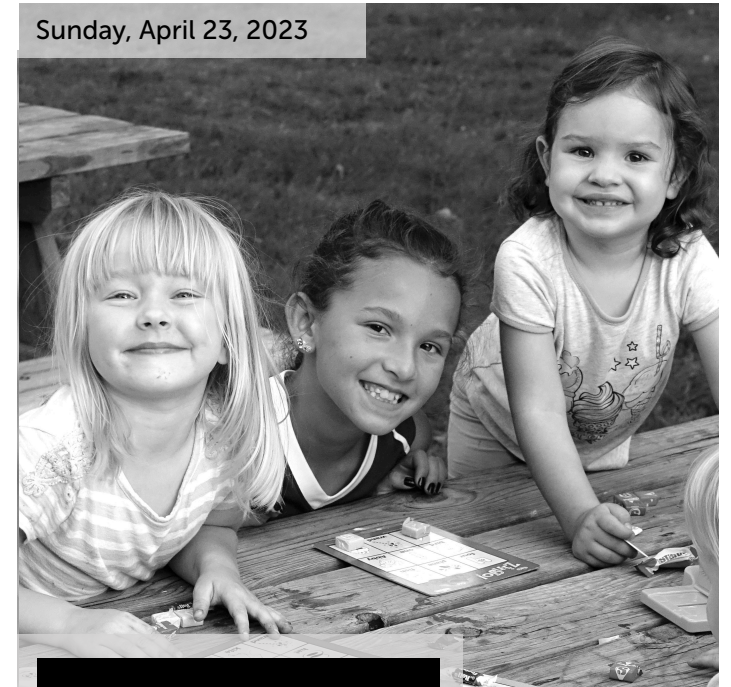
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