CHEERFUL GIVING'S GOSPEL (LUKE 18:18-30; 19:1-9)

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- What are some of the ways that we enthrone the true God in our lives?
- What is the good news of cheerful giving?
- Why does God love a cheerful giver?
- What is the difference between the rich young ruler and Zacchaeus? What is the difference in their response to Jesus?
- When Jesus speaks to the rich young ruler, what is he exposing in the heart of the man? How does this ruler respond to Jesus?
- Can the ethic of generosity be taken to an extreme? In what way?
- How does Zacchaeus respond to Jesus when he becomes gripped by the truth?
- In what ways does Zacchaeus' gift advance kingdom values?

FAMILY QUESTIONS

• What motivates us to be cheerful when we help others?

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• What motivates kingdom giving?

• When are you most cheerful?

WEEKLY PRAYER

- Our Men & Women in Uniform
- Village of Hope, Zambia
- Norman Fox, Elder
- Krista Johnson, Co-Director of Children's Ministries
- Equipping Classes
- Peace United Methodist, Appleton
- Those who do not yet have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus (Col 4:2–4)

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And 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. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (ESV)