

OPEN HANDED

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A Generous Heart | 1 Samuel 30; 2 Samuel 24

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S U M M A R Y

This weekend we continued in our series, 'Open Handed', by looking at two stories from the life of David that gave us a glimpse into what a generous looks like in real life.

R E A D

1 Samuel 30:9-25 and 2 Samuel 24:18-24

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

- 1) What are the dangers (if any) of living with a "mine" attitude towards our resources?
- 2) What's the potential impact of moving from a posture of "mine" to a response of "Yours" as we walk with God?
- 3) What do you see in the text that is significant in developing a generous heart? What words, phrases or ideas stood out to you? Why?

We identified two indicators of a generous heart from the stories:

- A generous heart is motivated by the needs of others.
- A generous heart looks for opportunities to give.

Take some time to reflect on God's generosity to you.

- 4) What comes to mind when you think about this? What truth or story or question emerges when you think about how you've experienced (or perhaps not experienced) God's generosity?

R E S P O N D

In what ways do you sense Jesus inviting you to join him in his way of generosity?

How will you choose to cultivate a generous heart this week?

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

Pray that we would be responsive to Jesus as he shows us where we have close-handedness in our lives. Ask Jesus to heal us of false or negative attachments to the resources he has given us. Ask Jesus to grow open our eyes to the needs of others and for opportunities to be generous.

