



Generous People Give

"Give"

Gather:

- Take some time to talk about your week.
- How am I doing loving the people God has given me to love?
- Why is God so good?

Change:

- What stuck out the most to you from this weekend's message?
- Read Luke 6:27-38 using the "Paraphrase It" method. (Read the passage a few times out loud and then put it into your own words. How is Jesus telling you to apply these truths to your life?). *Remember, Jesus is using hyperbole here. Jesus is not trying to get you to be okay with being beat up or robbed. Instead he is trying to get his point across that as his followers we are called to a different kind of loving, serving, and giving. The kind that brings glory to God rather than ourselves.
- Read through the following statements and talk about examples from your life, or a conviction that God is putting on your heart in order for you to make a change.
 1. Strangers become family when we give kindness.
 2. Enemies become friends when we give forgiveness.
 3. Takers become givers when we give away possessions and money.
 4. Hurters become helpers when we give mercy.
- At Shift Church we take the **Give** commitment seriously because Jesus specifically said it is more blessed to give than to receive. This past weekend we talked about how generous people give. We also talked about how giving is not about how great we are, but rather how awesome God is. With this in mind, how is Jesus specifically calling you to be more generous with the people in your sphere of influence? With your family? Your coworkers? Your neighbors? Your church family? This city? What will you do with this challenge?
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Serve:

- Invite someone new to be a part of the Shift for this upcoming weekend service. If eternity is at stake, which it is, then we need to live with a greater sense of urgency. God is for the people of

Gainesville! So let's let them know it! (We'll probably be having another giveaway)!!

- How are you going to serve the people of Gainesville as a small group? Talk about ways your group could serve the people of Gainesville... Dream Big!!