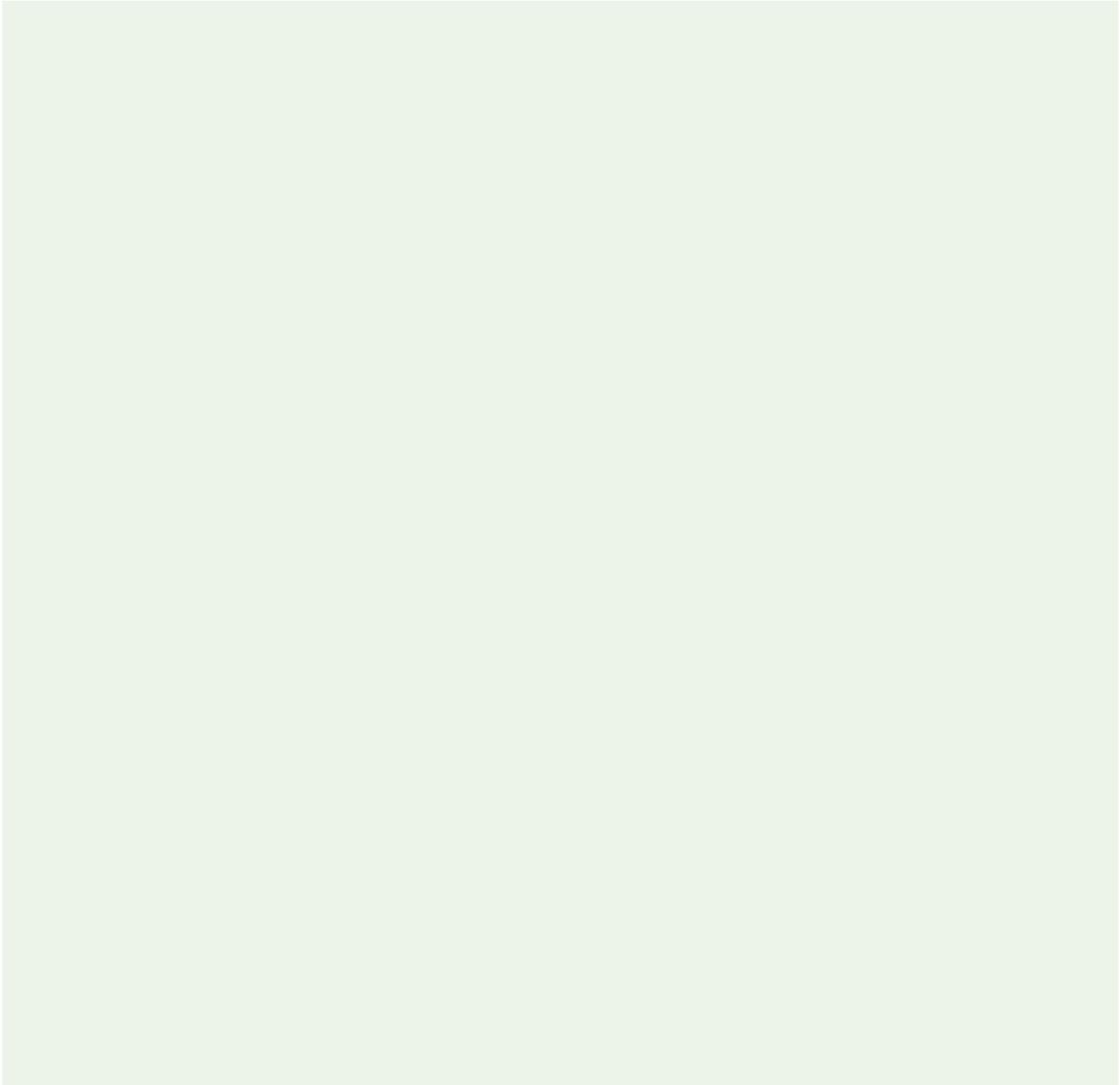


# Sermon Notes - People of Priority



# Become Week 3

## People of Priority

### **Discussion Starters** (choose 1 or 2)

1. Who is the most “committed” person you know? To what are they committed?
2. To what are you committed? When has commitment cost you or caused you to rearrange your priorities?

### **Watch Week 3 Become Video** (video can also be viewed at [extendgrace.org/become](http://extendgrace.org/become))

Discuss the Video: What do you believe your priorities should be?

### **Main Thoughts**

1. Our resources can have a multiplicative effect when we prioritize God’s path and not our own.  
2 Corinthians 9:10-15
2. Prioritizing the things of God requires selflessness and relentless commitment. Genesis 13:1-17

### **Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-15** (as a group)

On your own consider each question and jot down your thoughts in the spaces provided.

What from the passage above stands out to you. What puzzles you, resonates with you, or intrigues you?

Paul impresses upon the early church at Corinth - and upon us as the Church of today - the importance of giving in such a way that we believe God will 'increase our store of seed' and will 'enlarge the harvest of our righteousness.' Let's focus in on verse 11: "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion." Why does God give resources to us? So, that we can have more money for ourselves? So that we can feel more secure? So that we can impress others and feel significant? NO! It's so that we can be generous on every occasion!

Let's reflect on a convicting question: If you were God, would you give you more money? Why or why not?

We often say, "Well, if I had more resources, then I would give more." Could God be trusting us with what we can handle in a Godly way now?

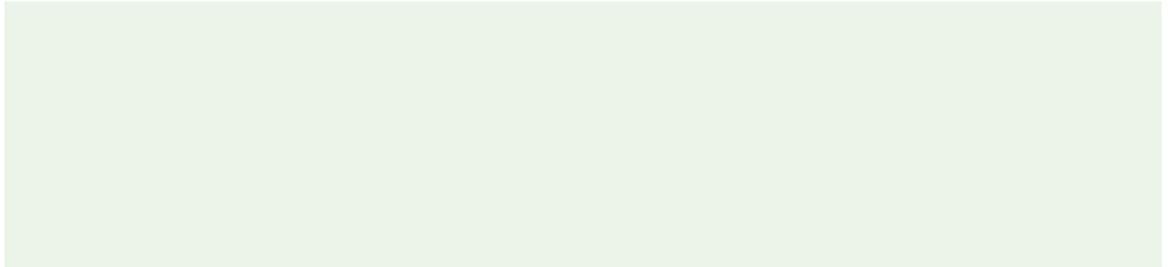
Think about what God has given you in your life right now (not just money) – what is devoted to Him and His purposes and what are you afraid to view that way (as devoted to God and His purposes)?

Take time to discuss as a group .

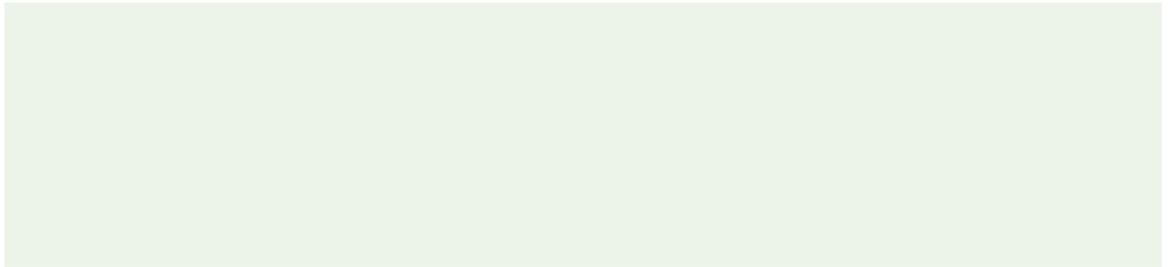
**Read Genesis 13:1-17** (as a group)

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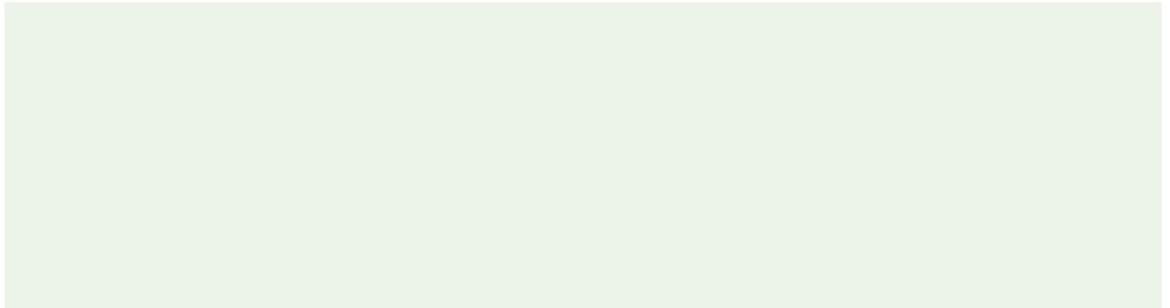
Abraham clearly had different priorities than Lot in this situation. What were Abraham's priorities as outlined in this passage?



What were Lot's priorities?



There is a passage in Proverbs that states, "The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller." Proverbs 11:24 MSG How does this truth play out in this passage?



In order for Abraham to be the generous man he was in this situation, he had to stay committed to following the ways of God. Do you feel you are committed to following the ways of God in terms of generosity? In what ways are you weak, uncommitted, or wavering?

As you think about the priority of your generosity to God's Kingdom, do you feel you are committed to generosity above your other financial priorities? Another way to put this might be, does your level of spending control your level of giving, or does your level of giving control your level of spending? Why do you think that is the case ? (be as honest as you can)

Take time to discuss as a group.

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### PRAYER

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Lord, thank you that You have made us Your priority. Lord, help us to see where we need to realign our priorities. Forgive us when we have put You last in our lives. We want to put You in Your rightful place as Lord over EVERY area of our lives.

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