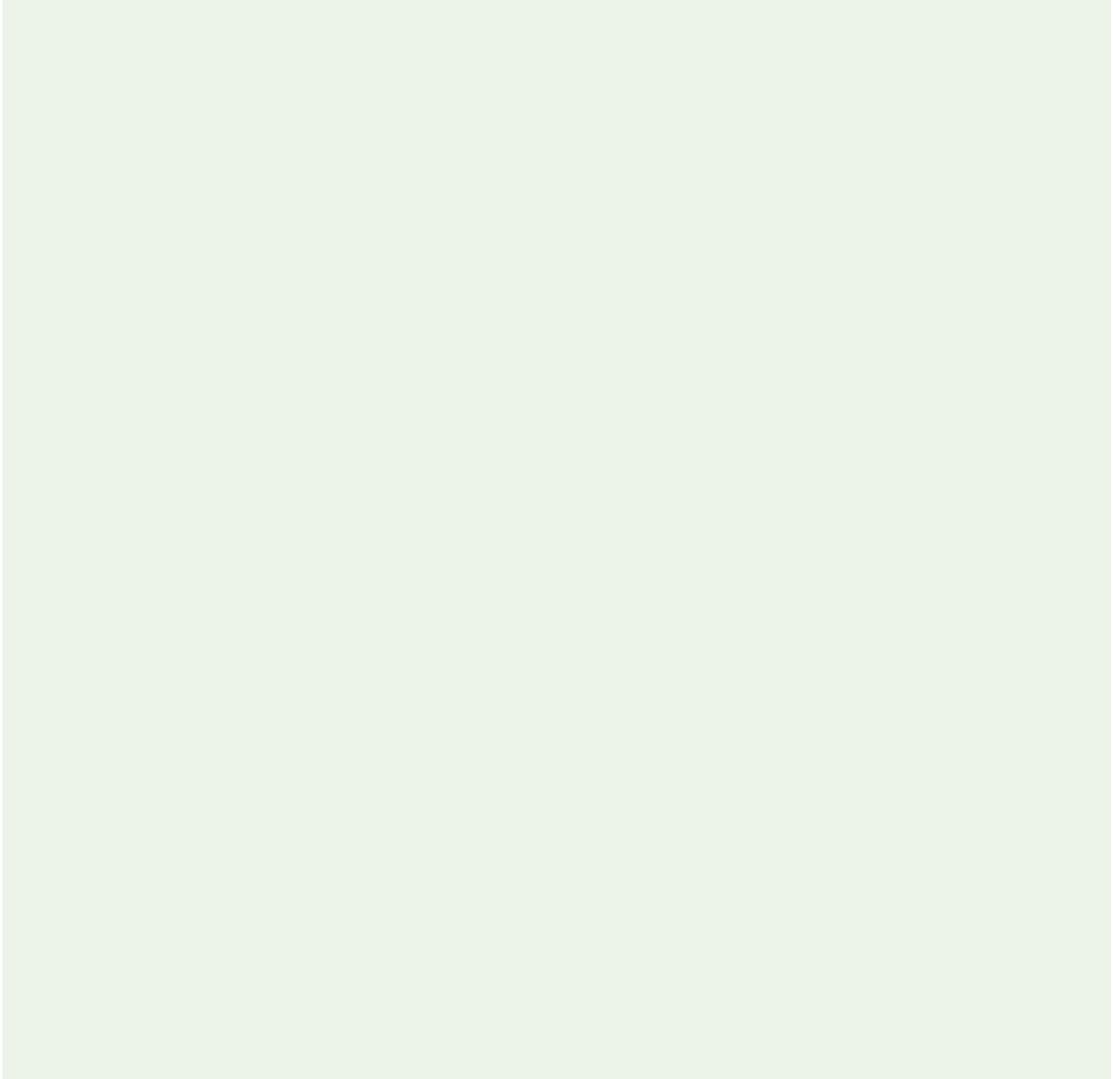


Sermon Notes - People of People



Become Week 4

People of People

Discussion Starters (choose 1 or 2)

1. Would you consider yourself more of an introvert or an extrovert?
2. Is it easier for you to deepen your faith individually or in community?
3. How can living more in community with one another affect our generosity?

Watch Week 4 Become Video (video can also be viewed at extendgrace.org/become)

Main Thoughts

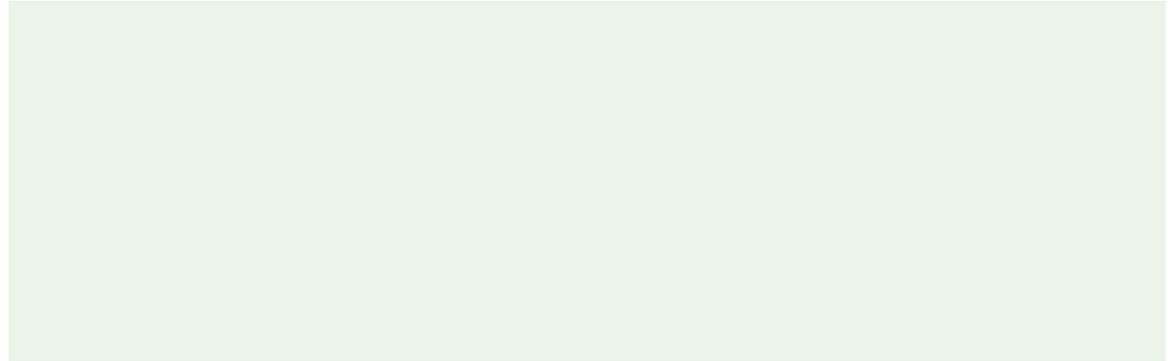
1. Generosity has the power to transform how we relate to others and how others relate to God.
Acts 4:32-37
2. The widow's decision was transformative for her and for those who heard of her gift. Mark 12:41-44

Read Acts 4:23-37 (as a group)

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

Generosity has the power to transform how we relate to others and how others relate to God. This passage is potentially a profound point in Scripture in sharing with us what a church community could and potentially should look like. As you hear the writer of the book of Acts talk about these behaviors of the early Church - how generous they were, how devoted they were, and how transformative their generosity was, what thoughts and aspirations come to mind for you? Are there some goals you want to make for your generosity in response to this?

What was so powerful about these early believers is that they lived in such close community with one another that they knew of each other's needs and it made them more generous. Do you feel you live out your faith in close community with others in such a way that their spiritual and physical needs affect you, or do you feel you live out your faith sometimes more in isolation?

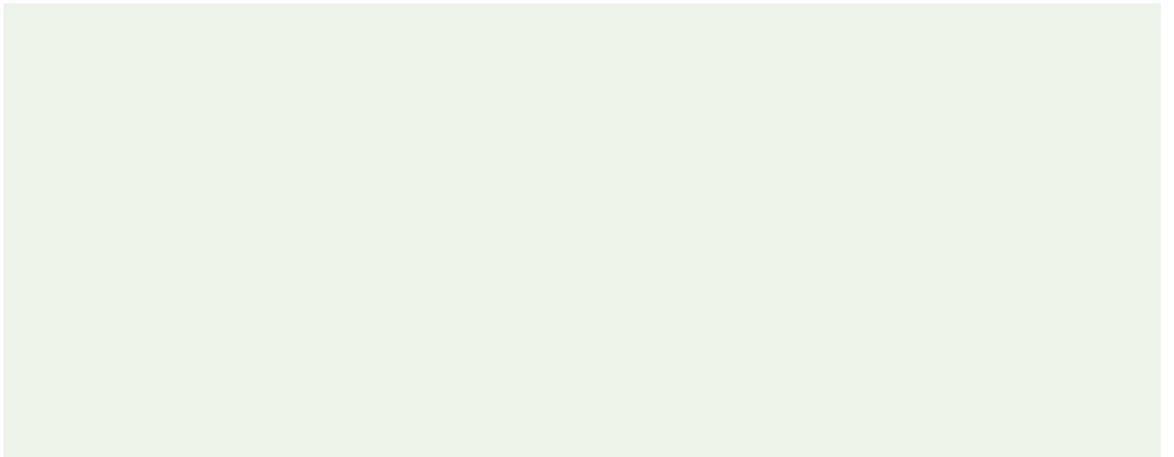


Take time to discuss as a group.

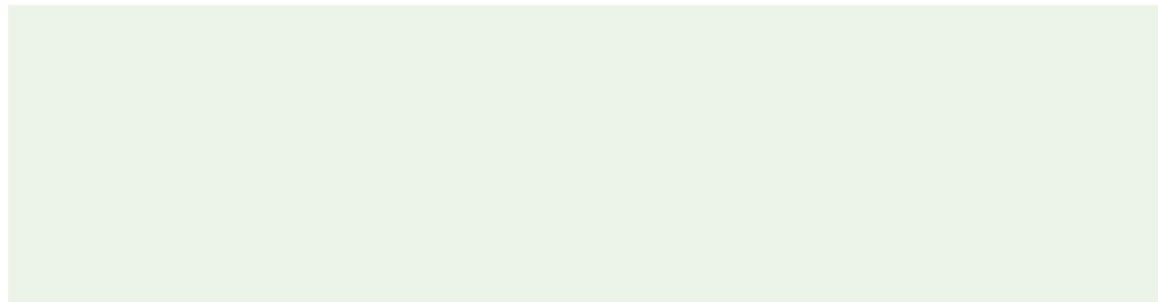
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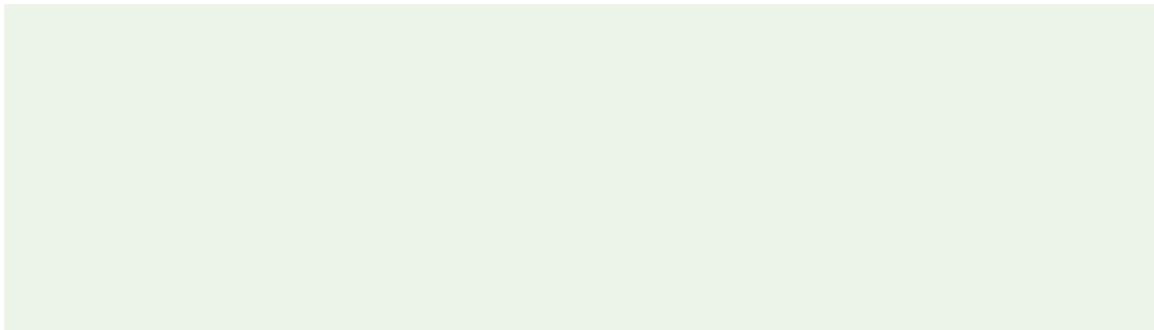
Why do you think the woman gave what she did? What difference did she think it would make?



What's so remarkable about this story is that the widow kept nothing for herself and gave all she had to live on. It's not as much about what the woman did give; rather, it's about what she didn't give. She didn't give nothing! Most of us are not being asked by God to give 100% of our resources back to God. However, we are ALL asked to honor God with 100% of our resources. As you think about what you're not giving and why, does this cause you to want to rethink some of your spending? How about your saving?



What areas immediately come to mind that you would not feel comfortable "explaining" to someone when asked why you didn't give that portion or how that is honoring to God? Are you truly honoring God with everything He has given you? What changes might you need to make?



PRAYER

Lord You are a generous and loving God; Your mercy is new for us each day. Help us to reflect Your generosity in everything we do and everything we have. Reveal to us how You want us to honor You in everyday.