

Focus on.... generosity!

Read: John 6:1-4

When you give to God, you create space for Him to move in your finances. And when God fills, he also multiplies. This doesn't just apply to your finances though. Anywhere you create space for God, He moves. So this week, our daily focus is on generosity in all areas of your life.

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER: In your giving

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44 / Malachi 3:10

Prayer point: How much do you tithe, is it 10%, 5%, 1%? Do you set aside your tithe first, or do you give whatever is left at the end of the week?

Challenge: Consider increasing what you currently give, by either putting more than you usually would in the offering on Sunday, or by setting up a standing order for regular payments.

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER: With your time

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:11 / Psalm 90:12

Prayer point: What do you spend the most time doing? Do you spend your time wisely and on good things? Are you caught up in the busyness of life and struggle to find times of rest? Allow God to speak into your timetable today, surrender your day to Him. Maybe you need to rest, maybe you need to give some time to others, or maybe you need to watch one less Netflix episode to be able to check in with God.

Challenge: Think about someone you can give your time to this week. Maybe it's a lonely neighbour you could invite over for tea, a coworker struggling with their workload, or a parent who'd needs to talk whilst having help cleaning. Time is becoming the most precious thing we have, and choosing to spend it on others shows their value and worth. Let's be present today.

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER: With your compassion

Scripture: Colossians 3:12

Prayer point: Many of the psalms talk of God's compassion and love towards us. Take some time to reflect on the great compassion God has shown towards us. Then look inwards. Is there anyone you need to show compassion and grace towards? Are you growing in compassion? If not ask God for more!

Challenge: Isaiah talks of spending ourselves of behalf of the poor. Who are the "poor" in your life, workplace, town? Those who are shunned and marginalised or avoided by others. Take time to engage with and show love towards those people. If you don't know anyone, pray that God would put someone in your path!

WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER: In your worship

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:23-31

Prayer point: Read about the different names of God in the Bible and spend time in prayer thanking Him for who He is.

Challenge: Join us tonight at 7.30pm at Parklands for an evening of prayer and praise!

THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER: With your love

Scripture: John 13:34-35 / Matthew 5:44

Prayer point: Are you loving towards everyone, or only to people you have a connection with? Jesus makes it clear that we love each other, even those we see as 'enemies'. When you spend time praying today, ask God to lay on your heart people who you are less loving towards. Pray for those people today and ask God to show you why He loves them.

Challenge: Step out in faith and reach out to those whom God has laid on your heart. Message them and ask them if you can pray for them, or see if there's a way in which you can reach out with practical support.

FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER: In your serving

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:10 / Galatians 13-14

Prayer point & challenge: Are you currently serving the body of Christ at Parklands by being on team? It doesn't matter what you do, it can be anything from washing up Communion glasses to serving in Sunday school. Use today to browse the teams on our website and pray about where you can serve your church family. If there's a specific area you're interested in, but you can't find a team that fits, let us know, we'd love to hear your suggestions!

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER: With your resources or skills

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Prayer point & challenge: God calls the servant who invested his talent a good and faithful and servant. God has gifted us so we can be a blessing to others and to further His Kingdom. How are you using the gifts and talents God has given you both inside and outside the church? Not sure what your giftings are? Pray, ask God and ask others. Be bold and offer up your gifts and talents to the world, in your workplace and friendship groups. Also offer them to the church! We are a body made of many parts and all have a role to play. We need you!