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DIGGING DEEPER

WEEK 3: Freely you have received:
How to have a generous heart.

KEY SCRIPTURE **[Read aloud as a group]**

"As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, and cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. Do not take any gold or silver or copper coins with you in your belts— no bag for the journey or extra shirt or sandals or even a staff, for the worker is worth his keep." **[Matthew 10:7-10 NIV]**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stands out to you most from this weekend's message or key scripture?

2. In Matthew 10:7-10, why do you think Jesus commanded his disciples to go out and serve, teach, and heal people generously and not bring any money, extra provisions, or anything that would help them?

   How does the way that Jesus sent out his followers demonstrate the reality of the good news Jesus told them to proclaim: "The Kingdom of Heaven has come near to you!"?

3. In the past week, were you able to create any margin? Share a success, or challenge you faced in creating margin this week. How have you started thinking differently about your need to create margin in your life financially and in your calendar?

4. How have you fallen into the "appeasing God" trap in your life? Do you ever think of God as angry or disappointed with you? Do you find yourself doing things to try to make God happy with you? Why or why not?

5. Have someone read Jesus' words in Matthew 23:23 aloud to the group.

   What do you think Jesus is saying about the relationship between how we manage our resources, generosity, and how we live?

[If your group has time, have a few people answer the following question or have someone read it aloud to reflect on for themselves this coming week].

During this True Religion Series we have been challenged to live a life of growing generosity and examine our lives in light of how God defines true religion [James 1:26-27].

How would you now finish this statement: True Religion is....?