

# BLESSED LIFE WEEK 1

It's All About The Heart | Week 1 | January 14, 2024

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### #1 – Watch Teaching

### #2 - Big Idea

When Pastor Robert asked a group of students "Why did God invent giving?" The group of college students responded, "To advance His work." Pastor Robert responded, "No, he did so to work selfishness and greed out of our lives." A theology of GETTING actually does the opposite -- it works selfishness and greed back into our lives. Our goal is to develop a theology of GIVING, not a theology of GETTING.

### #3 - Sermon Points

1. Deal with a selfish heart. (We are born selfish, we are born again generous.)
2. Deal with a grieving heart. (The reason we grieve when we give is because we believe what we give is "ours." When we give back to God what is already His, we don't grieve over it.)
3. Develop a GENEROUS heart. (A sign of growth is giving out of love.)
4. Develop a GRATEFUL heart. (It's never hard to give when you realize where you started. We didn't have anything.)

### #5 - Group Discussion Questions

1. What does the word "blessed" mean to you? How do you know if you're living the blessed life?
2. The Bible says it's "more blessed to give than to receive." Everyone share a time in your life when you were on the receiving end of generosity. What impact did that make in your life?
3. Now, please share a time you were on the giving end of generosity. What impact did that make in your life?

### #6 - Facilitator Wrap-Up

There are four hearts we can have toward generosity:

1. Greedy
2. Grieving
3. Generous
4. Grateful

Examine yourself honestly. Where do you fall right now? Where would you like to be one month from now?