

WEEK TWO

# HOW TO LET GOD STRETCH YOU TO A SACRIFICE

We all have things we consider valuable. However, when we compare our conveniences and comfort in light of eternity, those things of value quickly begin to lose their luster and shine. As we go through the Reach project together, God will begin to ask each one of us to make some sacrifices—maybe even sacrificing some of the things that are valuable to us—so that others can be reached and added to His kingdom.

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## INTROSPECT

What are some possessions you have that you consider valuable and think you can't do without?

Would you have a hard time giving them up if God asked you to? Why or why not?

# INVESTIGATE

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## SACRIFICE YOUR TIME

Read Luke 18:15-17

**"...LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR TO SUCH BELONGS THE KINGDOM OF GOD."**

**LUKE 18:16 (ESV)**

What two things can we learn from Jesus' sacrifice of time in these verses?

How do the children coming to Jesus represent the way to receive God's kingdom?

# SACRIFICE YOUR POSSESSIONS

Read Luke 18:18-30

**“...ONE THING YOU STILL LACK. SELL ALL THAT YOU HAVE AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE POOR, AND YOU WILL HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN; AND COME, FOLLOW ME.”**

**LUKE 18:22 (ESV)**

What did the religious ruler rely on for his salvation?

Why was he sad when he heard what Jesus was asking from him?

# INCORPORATE

**“...GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.”**

**2 CORINTHIANS 9:7 (ESV)**

What are some extras or small luxuries in your life that you really don't need? Would it make you sad if God asked you to give them up? Why or why not?

Does sacrifice go deeper than just giving up an extra, a small luxury, a convenience, or perhaps an hour of your time? Why or why not?

Who or what have you been too busy for? What serving opportunity could you invest your time in during Reach?

Can you identify things in your life you know God is asking you to give up, in a sacrificial way, for the sake of following Him? What are some those things?

# INVESTMENT

## TO LET GOD STRETCH YOU TO A SACRIFICE YOU HAVE TO:

- Allow God to call you out on the one thing you still lack.
- Admit that you are extremely rich.
- Focus on the future reward.
- Begin to consider the changes and sacrifices God is asking you to make through the Reach project so that others (possibly even your own family members) can come to know Jesus.