



The Way We Can Make A Way For Others - Part 5 Discussion Guide

Jesus called Himself “The Way.” He also claimed, “No one comes to the Father except through Me.” We play a part in helping people find “The Way.” Jesus made a way for the world to find God, but He trusted us to be a snapshot of His love, devotion, and generosity.

Jump Start

Leader: This section is designed to get discussions started, examine God’s truth, and apply it to our week.

1. Are you naturally a spender or a saver? Share a story that illustrates this.
2. **Read [Acts 2:42-47](#)**. What stands out to you as unique about the first church? Why were they so radical compared to the way most churches operate today? Should we be striving to be the Acts church?
3. **Read [Acts 2:42 and 1 Peter 4:10](#)**. What does devotion to the church look like? How is your devotion tied to the effectiveness of the gifts God has given you? What do you believe are your gifts from God? Are you using them to their fullest potential?
4. **Read [Acts 2:43](#)**. What are some “miracles in plain sight” that you have experienced? Why is it so rare that we are filled with awe by what God is doing around us?
5. **Read [Acts 2:45-47](#)**. Why did the sharing and generosity of the early believers lead to more and more people coming to know Christ? What is generosity? Have you ever experienced generosity as a joy?

Deeper

Leader: This section is designed for further use in your Life Group or for personal study. These can also be used as discussion points and ways to stay connected with your group throughout the week.

Generosity is key to our spiritual growth. Whenever money comes up in the church, many of us have a natural tendency to get defensive or question motives. We can decide the church isn't doing its job because the pastor is talking about money rather than teaching. However, money, generosity, and the tithe are all taught constantly in Scripture. Old Testament, Jesus, Paul, and the disciples ALL talked about these concepts and taught them often. Money is a universal language for value, importance, commitment, and love. If God demands to be Lord (Leader, Savior and Master) of our lives, it only makes sense that our trust in Him will require action in our finances.

6. **Read [Psalm 24:1](#), [2 Corinthians 9:5-15](#), and [Luke 21:1-4](#).** In order to truly be generous, what does our mindset about money and its origins need to be? How does God measure generosity? How can we be generous beyond finances? What has moved you to radical generosity?

7. Our generosity comes with promises. **Read [Psalms 41:1-3](#).** Who would you consider to be the poor in our society? What promises does God give us if we actively seek out and help the poor in our society? When have you taken action to help the "poor" and how were you blessed in return?

8. **Read [Matthew 28:18-20](#), [Luke 8:1-3](#) and [1 Corinthians 16:1-2](#).** What makes someone a disciple of Christ? Luke talks about people funding Jesus out of their own pockets and Paul instructs the church to have a plan for collecting money so that they he will not have to spend time on the topic when he arrives (1 Corinthians). What does this tell us about the tie between finances and ministry? When is the ministry God is calling us to most effective? What ministry (or ministries) is God calling you to support?