

Roots

Week 4: Give Want Fruit? Grow Roots!

Weekly Summary: Jesus knew one of the most powerful ways to transform your life was to give. He also knew it would be one of the hardest. Yet when we give our time and money to others, trusting that God will provide all that we need, our hearts soon follow, finding joy in sharing God's love.

❖ GIVE root = Be **generous** with all God has entrusted to you...

- **Time** to volunteer and serve
- **Possessions** to give away
- **Talents and abilities** used for others

...for the glory of God and the good of others.

❖ World says greatness = **Power, Fame, Riches, Beauty**

- You are great when you are **superior** to others and people give glory to **you**.

❖ Mark 10:35-45 - Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." 36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. 37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." 38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" 39 "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." 41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- ❖ Jesus says true greatness = **Humble service**
 - You are great when you **serve** others and people give glory to **God**.

- ❖ God's own Son came to **serve** you and give his life as a **ransom** for many.

- ❖ He gave, so you **GIVE**. When you give, you are **great**.

- ❖ Acts 20:35 - "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive."

Points to Ponder

1. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. Define "rich". What is God's command to the rich? Reread verse 19 and explain this statement: "The more generous you are, the richer you become."
2. Develop your own "GIVE" plan this week.
 - a. What would it look like to GIVE generously to your family members? Include specific ideas you will do this week.
 - b. How will you volunteer at St. Peter/The CORE and/or in the community? See the bulletin insert on volunteering. Also note next Sunday (10/8) our community partners will be here to share opportunities to give in our community.
 - c. What is your plan to be generous with your possessions?
 - i. Percent to give as offering: _____% = Amount: \$_____
 - ii. Percent or amount you'll give to meet the needs of others: _____

Homework For Next Week: Matthew 28:18-20