



## Connect Group Discussion Guide

**Main Idea of this series: Finding freedom from legalism and flourishing in your relationship with Christ.**

1. Read the Luke verses. In verse 38, the Pharisees were surprised that Jesus did not wash His hands before eating. This wasn't really about the ritual of handwashing, but about control. What are some reasons you think people may want to exercise control in religion?
2. Jesus challenged the Pharisees about sticking to rules, but their hearts were not for the people. Have you known people to be like this? What were/are they like?
3. Jesus admonished them for not being generous with their money. What is the reason this would be something important to Jesus, based on the Luke verses?
4. Three thoughts about money:
  - Money wrestles for control of our hearts (Read the Matt. 6:24 and 1 Tim. 6:10). What do these verses say to you?
  - What you do with your money is a great measurement of your heart (Read Matt. 6:21, 2 Cor. 9:7, and Eph. 4:8). What do you think that means?
  - Money is a resource to do God's work, to care for others (Read 1 John 3:17), and to enjoy God's provision for you (Mal. 3:10) What do you find you spend most of your money on (outside of paying regular bills)? Does this tell you anything about your feelings about money?
5. The Pharisees' downfall was they did not embrace the big picture of God's resources: they tithed to the temple, but did not care for people. Both are important to God. Why do you think that is?
6. The Generosity Principle is one we may want to consider embracing (Read Prov. 11:24). God calls us to live like this; be generous, gracious, free, and confident because the King of Kings and Lord of Lords watches over us. How does this change or reinforce your thinking?

**Series: With All Due Respect**  
**"With All Due Respect...Be Generous"**

Week of September 12, 2021

### Main Idea

***Embracing God's big picture of His resources is one way to experience something greater than yourself.***

### Key Scripture Reference(s)

*Read these aloud:*

**Luke 11:37-54**

**Matthew 6:24, 1 Timothy 6:10**

**Matthew 6:21, 2 Corinthians 9:7**

**Ephesians 4:8, 1 John 3:17,**

**Malachi 3:10. Proverbs 11:24**

### Your Faith in Action

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

**Mon:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tue:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thu:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fri:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sat:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sun:** \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.*