Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 25, 2014

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DIGGING DEEPER

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Matthew 6:19-21

Matthew 6:24

Luke 12:34

Of your time, talents and treasures, which is easiest for you to use in building God's kingdom? Which is most challenging?

Which of these verses helps you deal with your selfishness the most and why?

2. We heard this weekend humility is having an accurate view of ourselves. Humility is also about being open about our struggles and weaknesses. How do the following verses help us see how God works through our weaknesses?

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Philippians 3:12-14

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

How would you describe your willingness to be open about weaknesses in your work, school or home life (answer for all settings that apply to you)?

3. This weekend, Chris took us through 1 Timothy 6:17-19 and encouraged us to think about our generosity towards God. While our finances are a part of being generous, there's also an expansion of God's view of generosity that surpasses giving financially. As you read through the passage again, write down anything it says about what it takes to be rich and generous towards God and then answer the following questions.

What grade would you give yourself on how you're doing on what you wrote?

Can you think of any examples of people being generous to you in non-financial ways?

TAKING IT HOME
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> "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. [NIV]
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But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. [NIV]

Philippians 3:12-14
Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. [NIV]

1 Corinthians 2:1-5
And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.[a] 2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power. [NIV]

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Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. [NIV]

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