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In His book "Dreaming with God" Bill Johnson says this: Kingdom abundance is not measured in what I have but what I have given away.

Core Value 7: God's love calls us to a lifestyle of generosity.

1. Matthew 6:19-24

Vs 19....Do not store up.....what does this phrase mean to you?

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This does not mean that you should not have anything but instead in everything be thankful and ready to share!! Your resources are God's and at his direction we can be a blessing.

Vs21....for where your heart is..

The word heart here means, thoughts, intentions, your motives and passions or what motivates you.

Read Romans 12:2...discuss how wrong patterns of thinking can impact your generosity.

Patterns like: lack, greed, fear or they don't deserve help

Vs24....money is not the issue in this passage!! The issue is serving it. Money is a tool we use for good or evil. It is amoral. It has no morality attached to it until we use it for good or bad. Jesus was after our hearts. He is saying that you cannot have divided loyalties. He wants nothing standing in the way of our relationship with Him. Read: 1 Timothy 6:10...it's the "love" of money that's the problem!! Please discuss this in your groups.

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2. Biblical giving and generosity is based on God's unconditional love.

Gods abundant generosity.

Read 1 John 3:1, Romans 5:5

The word lavished means: to bestow something in generous and extravagant quantities!!

Please take time to think and discuss God's love with the thought of his generosity

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Did we deserve this love? Did God withhold anything from us to save us? Please discuss again the wrong pattern of thinking in regards to lack, greed, fear or thinking that someone does not deserve help or generosity as you think in regards to God's generous and unconditional love.

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3. Kingdom giving is grace giving.

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Vs6...Kingdom giving is Kingdom sowing....and Kingdom sowing is Kingdom reaping

In every area of life we reap what we sow. This is a Kingdom law! Please discuss each point.

Vs7....never give out of duty but always out of joy and a heart of love. Giving is "Spirit" led.

Vs8...this verse has 7 key points

- God is able
- to make all grace abound to you
- so that in all things
- at all times
- having all that you need
- you will abound
- in every good work

4. In closing please read Galatians 6:7-10 and discuss the statement made by Bill Johnson at the top of page 1

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