

Week 5

Others > Me: Living with Generosity
Matthew 14:13-21 & 15:29-39

CHECK-IN

*An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.*

REFLECT

Main Topics: Generosity, Obedience, God's Resources

Read Matthew 14:13-21, 15:29-39, 16:5-12

- What acts of generosity did Jesus demonstrate in these passages?
- What did the disciples wrongly put their focus on and their trust in? (v. 15-17.33)
- How do you think it would have felt to be the disciples as they started to give out the bread and fish? How do you think the disciples felt by the end of the meal?
- How did Jesus give others the opportunity to be generous? How will that change the way they handle future opportunities?
- Why would the disciples have doubted Jesus the second time He wanted to feed the people?
- Why did Jesus warn His disciples against the "leaven of the Pharisees"?
 - How did the Pharisees and Sadducees give the appearance of generosity without having the heart behind it?

APPLY

- What do you wrongly put your focus on and your trust in rather than Jesus?
- What area of life are you the least generous with? (time, kindness, resources, encouragement, money)
- How does the "leaven of the Pharisees" influence our generosity?
- How can we cultivate Whole-Life Generosity within our Study Group?
- How have you seen God take your nervousness or hesitation and transform it into celebration after being generous with what you have?
- What are the dangers to landing on either extreme: where you get caught up with how "little" you have or where you blaze forward without putting intentional thought behind a plan?
- How can you give other people you know an opportunity to live generously?

CLOSE

Which attributes of God did you see in this week's passage? How should it change the way that you pray, think, speak or act this week?