

Who Am I? | Shawn Johnson | 11.24.2024 Weekly Study

## SHARE

As group members get settled, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how life is going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

- Share a high and a low from last week.
- Share a moment when someone was generous to you when they didn't have to be. What did that experience mean to you?

## GROW

Welcome to week three of our Kingdom Builders series. Today, Shawn broke down the profound impact that generosity can have on our lives, the lives of others, and the kingdom of God. The central message revolves around the prayer, 'God, based on everything you've done for me, what could I give to build your kingdom and not just mine?'

This prayer challenges us to shift our perspective from self-centered living to kingdom-focused generosity. King David exemplified extravagant giving for God's kingdom in 1 Chronicles 29, a mentality that spread like wildfire through the hearts of other people. David's attitude of 'Who am

I?' reminds us to approach giving with humility and gratitude, recognizing that everything we have comes from God.

This message invites us to examine our hearts and ask ourselves: Are we building our kingdom or God's kingdom? How can we cultivate a spirit of sacrificial giving that reflects God's generosity towards us? As we contemplate these questions, we're encouraged to step out in faith, trusting that our generosity can be used by God to change lives and impact eternity.

## Read 2 Corinthians 8:7, Acts 2:45,47

- What were some major takeaways from Shawn's message? Explain.
- How did the verses above speak to you? Was anything new revealed? Explain.
- What fears, hesitations, or tension might be holding you back from praying 'God, what do you want me to do?' when it comes to generosity and, equally important, responding with an act of faith and obedience?
- How has God challenged you to step into generosity in the past? How might He be calling you into another season of generosity now?

MOVE

God's love is inherently generous. As we reflect on the abundant blessings in our lives, we're called to ask, "Who am I that I should receive such grace?" This humbling realization should stir our hearts toward generosity. This week, consider how you can give not out of obligation but from a heart overflowing with gratitude. Remember, our giving is not about building our kingdom, but God's. How might your generosity today reflect God's love for others as well as faith in Him?

Read 1 Chronicles 29:2-3, 1 Chronicles 29:13-14, 2 Samuel 24:24

- How does David's question, 'Who am I?' challenge our own perspective on generosity and stewardship?
- How might focusing on 'what God has done for us' change our perspective on giving and serving others? How can we cultivate a heart of gratitude that leads to joyful, sacrificial giving, as David demonstrated?
- What does it mean to give a sacrifice that 'costs us something,' and how can we apply this principle in our lives today? What might this look like in your own life? Explain.
- Generosity Audit: Take some time to review your giving habits. Are there areas where you could be more generous? Consider both financial and non-financial ways of giving.

## PRAY

"God, based on everything you've done for me, what can I give this year to build your kingdom, not just mine?" As I look to You for guidance in moving forward with generosity, remind me of Your own faithfulness and generosity towards me throughout my life. Would you stir up a heart for sacrificial giving deep within me that builds your kingdom in ways I couldn't possibly imagine, and give me the faith, humility, and boldness to say yes when You ask something of me?