

Extravagant

GENEROSITY

START TALKING | ASK A QUESTION TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What's your favorite part of the Superbowl: the games or the commercials? Why?
- What is your favorite Superbowl party snack/food?

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- Read John 6:5-14
- Do you think the little boy willingly offered his lunch? Why or why not?
- Like this little boy's lunch, what happens to our gifts, our talents, when they are turned over to Jesus?

START SHARING | CHOOSE A QUESTION TO CREATE OPENNESS.

- So often we live with an attitude of scarcity like the disciples, there is simply not enough for everyone.
- What was leftover from this lunch?
- Instead, God wants us to live with an attitude of abundance, there is enough, and more, for everyone. In worship we walked about the practice of the tithe, the ancient Israelite practice of giving the first 10% to God.
- Read Genesis 14:18-20
- The idea of tithing began early. Abram (later Abraham) defeated raiders who'd taken his nephew and gave 10% of what he gained from them in thanks to God. Dave Ramsey, Financial Peace University creator, says, "The Biblical practice of tithing is giving 10% of your income to your local church." Figuring a tenth was different in Genesis' largely cash-free time. But we still see 10% of what God gives us as a wise Biblical guide to how to respond to God. What does tithing look like today?
- What step can you take this week to live a life of abundance? What can you share from your talents, expertise, time and/or dollars to love your neighbor and God?

START PRAYING | BE BOLD AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Pray this series prayer out-loud and together: Father, you are an abundant giver. There is nothing that I have that you have not given me. The way of your kingdom is the way of generosity. Help me to honor you with my resources. Free me from the deceit of riches. Lead me on the path of generosity. For your glory, Lord, for the abundance of my own life and for the sake of others. Amen.

START DOING | COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK

- Check out this seven-day devotional on removing the anxiety and worry we can have because we refuse to trust God with our finances: <https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/3647-next-steps-give>