

THIS IS LOVE

Part 3: Give

WEEK OF JULY 18, 2021

When we look at all of the needs around us, it's easy to think, "What can I possibly do?" But there's great news—we can do so much together.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. | John 15:12
 - "It is more blessed to give than to receive." | Acts 20:35
 - Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. | 2 Corinthians 9:6
 - "Alone, you can do so little. Together, we can do so much." | Helen Keller
 - Together, we can do so much.
 - What compelled people to Christianity in the first centuries? The way they loved. What did that look like? Community.
 - By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. | John 13:35
 - Our goal this week for generosity is not a dollar amount: it's 100% participation.
 - You can give \$39.95 by texting LOVE to 215-999-8575 or going to epic.church/give.
 - Let's be like the early church, and make sure that our LOVE is felt and known because of what we're DOING and what we're GIVING.
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you had the means to be as generous as you wanted to be, what would you do?
2. In Acts 20:35, Paul reminds the Ephesians church of the words of Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive? Do you believe that? In what ways have you experienced that? What doubts or challenges do you have with believing that?
3. When you consider all of the needs surrounding you, coupled with your own limitations, do you ever get discouraged? How do you think we should approach generosity despite the daunting needs that our communities, city, and world face?
4. When Jesus says that the world will know we're his disciples by how we love, what do you think that looks like from a personal generosity standpoint? What does that look like from a community/church generosity standpoint?