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3. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ v. 19

4. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ v. 20-23

### Memory Verse

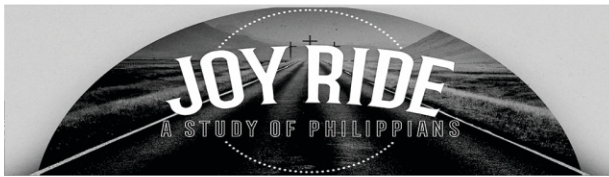
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2. **Interest is Compounded** v. 17

3. **Giving is Rewarded** v. 19

4. **Family is Extended** v. 20-23

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## Discussion Questions - Week #5

# LIFEGROUPS

### QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "Security", summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Looking at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Do you plan on taking any practical steps this week in response to the message?

### GETTING STARTED

- How do you think your family's attitude toward money growing up has shaped yours?

- In the message this weekend, Pastor Rick shared that one result of generosity is that family is extended. How have you experienced that truth in your life?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. Mark 12:41-44 represents one of the more powerful stories of generosity in the New Testament. It is, however, a relatively brief story with little comment. Read the passage together. Why do you think Jesus took the time to contrast the widow's giving with the others?

Who do you think of when you think of generosity and how did they show it?

Do you think Jesus intended this woman's giving to be a model for us to follow or just an example of heroic generosity?

For many of us today, giving is a personal issue. How would you have felt if your giving became an object lesson for others and what do you think the lesson would be?

What stands in the way of you becoming a more generous giver?

2. Read Acts 2:42-47 and 4:32-35. What do you find interesting or challenging in these passages?

What was the source of the disciples' generosity?

How did their generosity affect those around them?

How did the way they handled their resources extend family?

How might our testimony be impacted if we acted more like these early disciples?

### FOR PRACTICE

Approaching giving as a spiritual discipline instead of a task completely changes how we feel about it. Instead of giving to get, we give to grow closer to Christ and reflect His image and character. We also encourage others through our genuine care for them. This week, take time to ask God for a generous spirit and to open your eyes and heart to opportunities to be generous.

### SHARE IT

Is there anything you heard or learned in the weekend message or Life Group this week that you want to share with someone you know?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for peace in the ongoing conflict in Gaza. Pray for the Israeli families who mourn for loved ones who were killed or taken hostage. Pray that God's provision and hand of protection would be on the innocent. Lastly, pray that God will work through this situation to draw others to Himself.