

Overflow



Leader Conversation Guide – Irrational Generosity

Main Idea

This week Pastor Mark Johnston continued in our Overflow series. Did you know you have influence? It makes no difference if you're the CEO or the employee. You can be young, old, rich, or poor. We all have influence. Pastor Mark asked this question, Have you ever wondered where waves come from? Waves are caused by energy passing through the water, causing it to move in a circular motion. We've all seen it! When you throw a pebble or rock into the pond it creates the 'ripple effect'. The energy passed through the water and created the ripple and as the ripple extends out you see the wave. We were meant to make waves! What Jesus said to His disciples in John 20, He is still saying today. Too often we ask God to fix our problems, but that's not what God does. He doesn't fix problems, He fills people! Let the breath of God fill you with power and purpose.

"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller."

Proverbs 11:24 MSG

Make it Practical

- God **MUST** be first. W
- The tithe must be first. w
- It must be blessed to multiply. w

Talk About It

- Share what types of fears or concerns, if any, you wrestle with most when thinking about the principle of first? Discuss why it is sometimes easier to believe that we are saved by faith than it is to believe by faith that God will bless us and care for our needs?
- Proverbs 3:9–10 says that we are to honor the Lord with our possessions and with the first fruits of all our increase. Take a minute to reflect on a time that you gave your time, talents, tithe, or offering. It could be big or little. Share how you felt about yourself when you gave.
- Aside from money, what is one way that you can start giving God your “first” this week (ex. first of your day, week, year)?

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Luke 12:34 NIV

Prayer

God, thank You for showing us in your Word how we can experience blessing and provision in our finances and our lives. We confess that we have often gone our own way with our money and recognize that Your way is better. Today, we commit to putting You first in every area of our lives. We trust that as we give You our first, You will bless the rest.

Leader Tip

Money can be a challenging topic for some group members. Be sensitive to the financial situations represented in your group. Encourage each person to take one step (even if it is small) this week.