

	Open Hands, Open Hearts
 BIG IDEA	Money promises freedom, but generosity produces it. When we loosen our grip on money, it loses its grip on us. True contentment is not found in having more. It is found in trusting God and living with open hands.
 ICE BREAKER	<p>If you could instantly feel financially secure, what amount would that require?</p> <p>Why do you think that number increases over time?</p>
 MAIN POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Money promises peace but rarely delivers it. ● Contentment comes from dependence on God. ● Money can become a trap. ● Money is a great tool but a terrible savior. ● Generosity breaks the power money has over us.
 DISCUSS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why do you think money and possessions can so easily capture our attention and trust? 2. How does comparison affect your sense of contentment? 3. In what ways can money become a “trap” in our lives? 4. How does generosity help loosen money’s grip on our hearts? 5. If making more than \$18K a year places someone among the wealthy by global standards, how does that change the way you think about your resources and generosity?
 NEXT STEP	<p>This week, take one step forward on the Generosity Ladder.</p> <p>New Giver: Take the first step and give for the first time.</p> <p>Consistent Giver: Move from occasional giving to consistent generosity.</p> <p>Intentional or Sacrificial Giver: Choose a level of giving that requires faith and trust in God.</p> <p>Catalytic Giver: Use the resources God has entrusted to you to accelerate kingdom impact.</p> <p>Generosity is not what God wants from you. It is what God wants for you.</p>
 SCRIPTURE	<p>1 Timothy 6:6-7 - 1 Timothy 6:9-10 - 1 Timothy 6:17-19</p> <p>Matthew 6:33</p> <p>Ezekiel 16:49-50</p>
 NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK	<p>Join us next week as Shan begins a series on Hope prior to Easter</p> <p>“Hope for the people around us”</p>