#### **WEEK 2—BE GENEROUS (BOB MERRITT)**

# INTRODUCTION

Last week the message focused on sacrifice. Every week at Eagle Brook, a whole lot of people sacrifice their time, money and energy to rehearse music, create programs, park cars, serve coffee, run the bookstore, welcome people, open doors, write messages, build buildings, volunteer in kids areas, run cameras. work with our students and on and on. It takes a high level of sacrifice to create environments and programs where people from every walk of life can come and have an encounter with God. We are called to be sacrificial and partnering with that, God calls us to be generous.

### **BIBLE VERSE**

COMMIT TO MEMORY It is more blessed to give, than it is to receive. Acts 20:35

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Bob mentioned in the message that "Whatever I believe will determine my behavior." How are your beliefs guiding how you live your life, make decisions, and shape your attitudes?
- 2. **Proverbs 11:24-25** reads "Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water." Who is someone in your life who has been generous towards you? Share one experience where you have shown generosity to another. What is your learning from each of these experiences?
- 3. **2 Corinthians 9:6-7 says** "Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and who ever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he's decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." What is your most treasured resource? Where and how are you giving of and sharing that resource?
- 4. Time is our new currency—we want more of it and to determine where we are going to spend it. Where are you giving of your time and who are you giving your time to? Do you feel right on with how you spend your time—or do you see where some adjustments need to be made?

## THINK ABOUT IT

Rick Warren says there are two things God's going to ask us when we get to heaven: "What did you do with my Son, Jesus, and what did you do with what I gave you?" How is your journey with that today?

