



HOPE
OVERFLOWING



HOPE'S GENEROSITY INITIATIVE



FLOWING INTO WORSHIP,
COMMUNITY, AND OUR CITY.

Dear Hope Family and Friends,

The last several years have been an exciting time of growth at Hope. We've started a third congregation, multiplied community groups, added staff, and seen our congregations experience significant growth. God has continued to add people to our community through covenant baptisms, conversions, and professions of faith. Through it all, Hope has continued to be a community of **Real People looking to the Real Jesus for Real Change**.

The growth we've experienced has been deeply encouraging, especially in light of all of the challenges presented by a global pandemic. Of course, growth - especially the rapid growth we're experiencing - also presents challenges. We've always said that we want to be a church that exists for our city rather than for ourselves. We continue to feel called to reach people in our city with the good news of the gospel. However, we've currently run out of space at our Olde Providence site for adults and children, and that is impeding our ability to accomplish our shared mission.

We believe that God is calling us to come together as one church with three congregations to address this immediate need and to put us in a position to be able to address facility needs at our South End and Cotswold congregations in the near future. To that end, we are launching the **Hope Overflowing One Fund initiative**.

We're asking everyone at Hope to pray for and support this critical move in the life of our church. We are so glad that you are part of this church, and we can't wait to see what God has for us in the months and years ahead.

Your Partners in Kingdom Work,

THE ELDERS OF HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

WHAT IS HOPE OVERFLOWING?

Hope Overflowing is a 24-month expanded giving initiative that will enable Hope to continue realizing our mission and vision and to further impact our neighbors and our city with the gospel. We are asking everyone at Hope to prayerfully consider expanding their regular giving for the next two years in order to invest in this vision.

Our total goal over the next 24 months is \$20,000,000 (\$5,000,000 annual operating budget x 2 years + \$10,000,000 additional giving).

As we continue to offer the hope found only in the **Gospel of Jesus Christ** to hurting people in our city, our country, and around the world, our prayer is that we will continue to overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. As a part of our community, you play a critical role in this great work. We hope that your experience of God's grace will lead to deep gratitude and joyful generosity.

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

(ROMANS 15:13)

WHERE WE'VE BEEN - HISTORY OF HOPE

In 2002, Hope began with the vision to be a church of "real people looking to the real Jesus for real change." God has shaped us into a community where that ideal is embodied far beyond what we could have imagined. Over the past 21 years, God has graciously continued to grow us as a community of people who are real with one another – real about our fears, our dreams, our failures, and our need for a redeemer. We have become a church where every Sunday morning, the person and work of Jesus is preached with a vulnerability and honesty that is winsome and powerful. God has used these two elements – **Gospel Community and Gospel Preaching** – to change people in remarkable ways.

A TIMELINE OF HOPE'S GROWTH

APRIL 7, 2002 - FIRST PUBLIC WORSHIP AT THE PARK ROAD YWCA

44 adults and 22 kids grew to an average attendance of 103 people by the end of year one.

2007 - MOVE TO THE KOREAN CHURCH ON SCALEYBARK

Averaging 199 people per week, we outgrew the YWCA and started sharing space with a Korean congregation, who held their worship service in their sanctuary while we met in their gym.

2013 - MULTI-SITE IN OLDE PROVIDENCE

Our average attendance at the time was 395. With many of our young professionals marrying and moving farther out, Hope decided to implement a multisite model and move our 2nd service to Peace Moravian Church in Olde Providence.

2015 - CREATING SPACE GENEROSITY INITIATIVE

Our first generosity initiative enabled us to control the spaces in which we met for worship for the first time in order to better accommodate visitors and accomplish our mission. With Creating Space, we purchased the Rea Road property from the Moravian Church and upfitted a warehouse in South End for our Scaleybark congregation. Many of you have been able to experience the community of Hope because of people's generosity during this initiative!

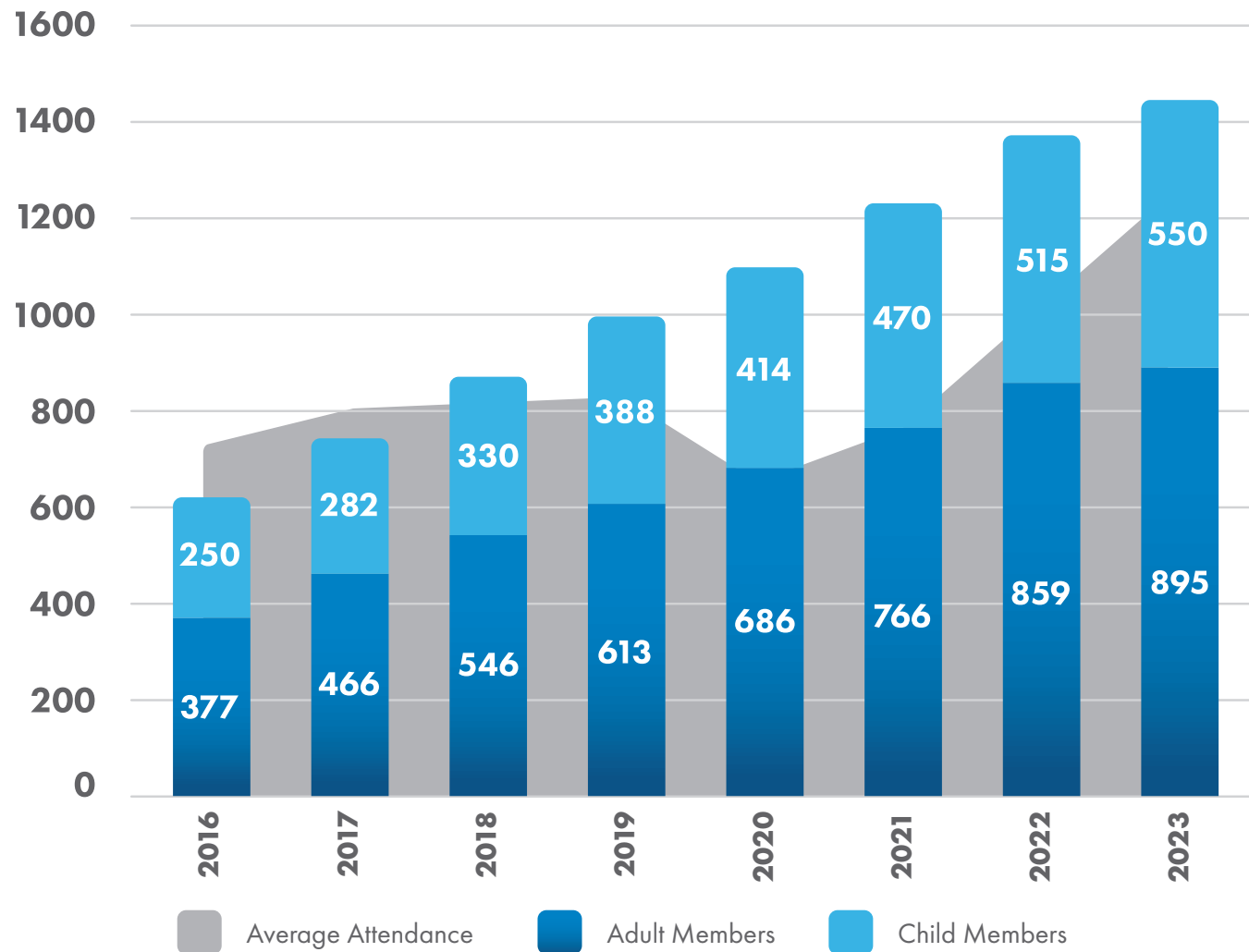
2020 - MULTI-SITE IN COTSWOLD

By 2020, Hope had 640 people attending worship each Sunday. With continued growth, we launched a 3rd site in Cotswold meeting at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. While many churches in our city closed during Covid, God continued to grow Hope, even adding members who had only worshiped with us online.

2023 - CONTINUED GROWTH

Since 2021, Hope has grown rapidly. We now have 1445 members (including their kids), significantly more people who aren't members but who attend worship each week and call Hope their home church, a budget approaching \$5,000,000 a year, and the ability to give away more than \$870,000 this fiscal year.

HOPE'S RECENT GROWTH



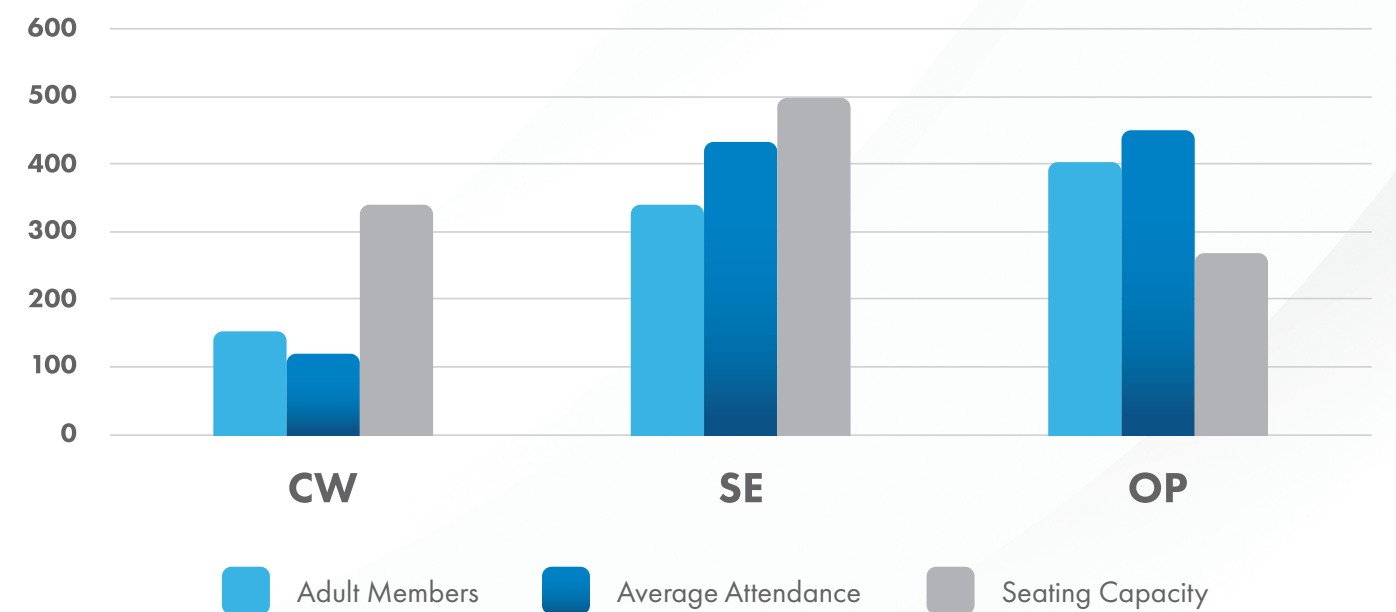
From forty people meeting in a YWCA, God has grown us into a church of three congregations with a shared staff, a shared budget, and a shared mission and vision. He has grown in us a culture that not only preaches grace but lives out grace. That gospel-centered community is experienced by the pastors, within the staff, by the elders, deacons and women's shepherding team, and within our community groups. It is a unique gift God has given us and we want to steward it well, continuing to both cultivate it within Hope and offer it to others.

WHERE WE ARE - CURRENT REALITY

The mission and vision of Hope, shared across our three congregations, has always been to extend the message of the gospel and the experience of gospel community to others. The Gospel is inherently other-centered, so we have always wanted to pour out to others what we have received. At Hope, that means we have wanted to be a church that exists for people outside of the Church, particularly those who are skeptical about Christianity or who have been church damaged. God has used the gospel message and our gospel-centered community to reach those people in ways that have been surprising and deeply encouraging.

Currently, the biggest obstacle we have to seeing that mission and vision continue to be realized is the space limitation at our OP property. We began our OP congregation in 2013 so that Hope members living in South Charlotte could more effectively reach their neighbors and invite them to Hope. That work has flourished, and the OP congregation has grown to over 400 adult members plus another 280 children. This does not include the many other families who attend OP on Sunday mornings and call Hope their home church.

On an average Sunday, we have over 450 adults attend worship at OP. At the same time, OP has Hope's smallest sanctuary, seating only 260 people. This has meant that we've had Sundays where people haven't had a place to sit in worship. Visitors have come, but have not even entered the building because they couldn't find a parking place. Hope's mission and vision is being incredibly effective in the OP community, but we are quite literally overflowing with people.



WHERE WE'RE HEADED - FUTURE PLANS

The Hope Overflowing Initiative will enable:

PEOPLE TO FLOW INTO WORSHIP

Our staff and leaders have been working for over a year with architects and builders to develop a solution to this space problem by developing a master site plan for the OP property. This site plan will bring the OP sanctuary up to roughly the same seating capacity as our South End sanctuary and will expand our parking to accommodate these new visitors. We will also expand our Children's Ministry classrooms to accommodate the many children God has blessed our church family with, and we will replace the current youth barn with a larger building that will serve our growing Youth Ministry across all three congregations.

OUR CHURCH TO FLOW INTO OUR CITY

Because of the way God has grown us, Hope has been able to support numerous other churches and ministries that care for our neighbors in Charlotte and around the world. As giving at Hope expands through the Hope Overflowing Initiative, the number of people and the extent of financial aid we can offer to those both within and around our community will increase, as well. Below is a list of the current ministries that are supported through your giving at Hope:

Outreach & Mercy Ministries

- Ashley Park School
- The Barnabas Center
- Brookstone Schools
- Camp Lurecrest
- Campus Outreach
- CEDE Sports
- Charlotte Eagles
- Charlotte Fellows
- Charlotte Institute for Faith & Work
- Christ Centered Community Counseling
- Congregations for Kids
- CRU
- Freedom Communities
- Hope Community Clinic
- IAM 24/7
- Missionary Athletes International
- Navigators
- Project 658
- Resound Future Bilingual
- Educators Network
- Rooted Ministry
- RUF
- UrbanPromise
- WyldLife
- Young Life
- YoungLives
- YWCA

Mission Organizations

- Antioch Partners
- Dignity Restoring Hope
- Haven
- Mission to North America
- Mission to the World
- One Mission Society
- Reaching and Teaching
- Serge
- South America Mission
- Third Mill
- Vida Joven Santo Domingo
- World Team

Church Planting

- alongside.u
- Christ Church - Sanford, NC
- Christ City Fellowship - Charlotte, NC
- Church of the Apostles - Charlotte, NC
- Downtown Presbyterian Church - Wilmington, NC
- Immanuel High Point - High Point, NC
- Indian Land Presbyterian Church - Indian Land, SC
- Kindred Hope Church - South Fulton, GA
- Parakeleo
- Seven Hills Presbyterian Church - Boston, MA
- Vive Charlotte - Charlotte, NC
- West Charlotte Church - Charlotte, NC

The growth of our staff and lay leaders has also enabled us to offer more direct care and support to many of these churches and ministries. Our pastors and staff are involved in caring for and mentoring other ministry leaders so that the gospel community and ministry culture we've experienced at Hope overflows far beyond our walls.

OUR CHURCH TO FLOW INTO THE WORLD

In addition to churches and ministries in Charlotte, Hope supports missionaries and church planters around the country and overseas including works in the Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Germany, Greece, Iran, Ireland, Japan, Peru, Russia, and Spain.

THE FIRST STEP

As we have prayerfully considered what God is calling us to as a church, the elders are convinced this is the first crucial step in Hope continuing to reach our neighbors and our city, not only at OP but also at South End and Cotswold.

Because OP is the only property we own, addressing the critical space issues there without taking on additional debt will position us to address the coming needs at our South End and Cotswold congregations. With the rapidly rising cost of property in Charlotte, we want to be able to secure permanent facilities in South End and Cotswold as God provides opportunities so that we're not pushed out of those areas of our city. All of us coming together across the whole church now is part of a long-term plan to grow and develop Hope's ministry at each of our congregations, as we look to the future and minister to our city.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We know this is likely stirring up questions for you. Below, we've tried to address some of the most common questions we've received so far. If you have other things you'd like to ask or discuss, we would love to sit down with you and do that! Please don't hesitate to reach out, and we can easily set up a time to get together.

Q: WHY DON'T WE PLANT A CHURCH TO SOLVE OUR GROWTH ISSUES?

A: We are still very committed to planting churches, and actually plan to do so out of OP in the near future. However, due to our current rate of growth, church planting alone won't solve our space problem. The amount of people that are coming into Hope far exceeds the number of people that would be sent out as a launch team for a new church. We're simply growing faster than our ability to plant.

Q: ARE WE CHANGING OUR EMPHASIS ON COMMUNITY BY EXPANDING THE SANCTUARY SIZE OF OP?

A: We are not changing our vision or emphasis with this expansion. Currently, although our OP and South End congregation sizes are about the same on a Sunday morning, the seating capacity at OP is only half of what the seating capacity is at South End. This construction project would simply be bringing OP's sanctuary to a similar seating capacity as our South End site.

Q: HOW WILL WE CONTINUE TO SHEPHERD THE NEW PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING TO HOPE?

A: We are continuing to think about, pray about, and disciple new men and women into leadership positions at Hope. This February, we will be electing new officers to the church, and we plan to continue to add officers as the Lord calls them and as we're able to train them. We've recently added Sid Druen as our full time Community Groups Pastor, and we are diligently working to train community group leaders and add new community groups each semester, which flows into part of our shepherding model, as well.

Q: HOW DOES THE EXPANSION AT OP AFFECT OUR COTSWOLD AND SOUTH END SITES? WHY SHOULD ATTENDEES AT THOSE SITES BE GIVING TO THIS INITIATIVE?

A: This is the first step in a larger process to address space and facility needs at all three sites. While OP has the most pressing need at the moment, in the very near future we will need to find more permanent worship places for both South End and Cotswold before rising property costs push us out of the parts of the city to which we feel the Lord has called us. By giving to address the property needs at OP now, we're setting ourselves up to be able to tackle the coming needs at Cotswold and South End by carrying less debt in the coming years.

Hope has always sought to be a church that existed for the city instead of for ourselves. When we took on the Creating Space Giving Initiative in 2015, the generosity of people at our church created space for many of you to now be a part of Hope. Your generosity during this initiative will, in turn, create space for new members and visitors to experience the gospel. As generosity at Hope expands with the discipleship of new people, they too will have the opportunity to invest in what God is doing in other parts of the city in the days and years ahead.

Q: ARE THERE ANY PLANS FOR RENOVATING COTSWOLD IN THIS INITIATIVE?

A: We have funds allocated and approved from our current budget for repairs and improvements at our Cotswold site. We've submitted these plans to the Seventh Day Adventist Church and have been patiently awaiting approval to make those changes.

Should we have the opportunity to purchase the SDA church building, having the equity at OP to secure financing will be a real asset for us.

WHAT WE'RE ASKING

What are we asking you to do?

PRAY

- Pray that God would use this initiative to grow a greater culture of generosity at Hope.
- Pray that God would give us a shared sense of mission across all three congregations.
- Pray for the details of construction, design, and financing.
- Pray for wisdom for the Elders and Deacons as we lead our church family through this initiative.
- Pray about how God would have you participate.

ENGAGE

- Read the Hope Overflowing materials and ask questions.
- Work through the Generosity Study Guide that we've developed to accompany the sermon series.
- Discuss your own thoughts, feelings, and practices of generosity with your Community Group and friends.

COMMIT

On March 17th, we will have Commitment Sunday where we will ask you to write down and submit the amount you intend to give to Hope over the next two years. The amounts submitted won't obligate you to give that much, but it will give us a good sense of what God is calling our people to provide. This will allow us to make wise financial decisions for Hope's growth and future.

Provided below is a sample of the commitment card you will be hearing about in more detail as we move ahead in our Hope Overflowing Initiative.

Hope Overflowing 2-Year Giving Goal: \$20,000,000

\$ _____ What I normally give in a year (General Fund, Mercy, etc.)

+ \$ _____ My additional annual giving

= \$ _____ X2 Years = \$ _____

+ One-Time Gifts: \$ _____

= My 2-year Commitment \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

HOW WE PLAN TO GET THERE

Accomplishing all of this is an ambitious goal, but it's a goal we believe we can achieve. To do it, it's going to require sacrifice from all of us. The chart below shows the kind of commitments it will take from all of us to get there. We're **all** going to need to prayerfully consider how God might be calling us to expand our giving to Hope for a season.

Hope Community Church Gift Profile Guide Two Year Commitments \$20,000,000

# of Commitments	Amount of Each Commitment
1	2,000,000
2	1,000,000
3	750,000
4	500,000
5	250,000
12	150,000
15	100,000
25	75,000
30	50,000
30	35,000
35	25,000
40	15,000
40	12,000
40	9,600
50	4,800
65	2,400
65	under 2400

Overflowing Goal \$20,000,000

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND NOTES

We talk a lot at Hope about how God's grace to us in Christ fuels real change in every area of our lives. Historically, we haven't spent significant time talking about how God's generosity to us in Christ can impact our relationship with money and cultivate a heart of generosity in us. The Hope Overflowing initiative provides an opportunity for all of us to explore this aspect of our faith that is particularly important as people living in a financial hub like Charlotte.

This section of the **Hope Overflowing Journal** is an effort in that direction. It's a tool we've developed to help you process through and unpack some of the topics we'll be discussing during our sermon series and Community Group study on generosity. We won't ask you to give this journal back to us because we want you to keep it, refer back to it, and ultimately, reflect on the thoughts you've had and the notes you've made.

Some of the questions asked in this journal may be easy for you to answer. Others may take some time to really reflect on. Some may not apply to you at this stage of your life. Our hope is that, as you spend time prayerfully reflecting on the impact that you can make by cultivating greater generosity in your life, this guide will become a catalyst for meditation:

1. On what God has provided for us in Christ
2. On how the world in which we live tries to crowd that out of our lives
3. On how God wants to work through you and your resources to replicate in others what you've experienced with Christ
4. On next steps to take as your faith in Him expresses itself through love and generous living

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"We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia: During a severe trial brought about by affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. I can testify that, according to their ability and even beyond their ability, of their own accord, they begged us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints, and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by God's will. So we urged Titus that just as he had begun, so he should also complete among you this act of grace.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, speech, knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love for us—excel also in this act of grace. I am not saying this as a command. Rather, by means of the diligence of others, I am testing the genuineness of your love. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving advice because it is profitable for you, who began last year not only to do something but also to want to do it. Now also finish the task, so that just as there was an eager desire, there may also be a completion, according to what you have. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. It is not that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality. ¹⁴ At the present time your surplus is available for their need, so that their abundance may in turn meet your need, in order that there may be equality. As it is written: The person who had much did not have too much, and the person who had little did not have too little."

(2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-15)

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YOUR STORY

Where have you come from and where are you now with the topic of money and generosity?

How are you feeling right now, about discussing money, finances, and generosity?

How was the subject of money and finances handled or discussed in your home growing up?

Was the general attitude toward money one of abundance or of scarcity?

How often and with whom do you discuss money and generosity? Are you generally an "open book" or a private person with your finances? Why?

How has your attitude or perspective on generosity changed over the years?

What are some ways you hope to grow in the area of generosity?

LEARNING TO TRUST YOUR FATHER'S HEART

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you: Don't worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Consider the birds of the sky: They don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they? ²⁷ Can any of you add one moment to his life span by worrying? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothes? Observe how the wildflowers of the field grow: They don't labor or spin thread. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was adorned like one of these. ³⁰ If that's how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, won't he do much more for you—you of little faith? ³¹ So don't worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you. ³⁴ Therefore don't worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

(MATTHEW 6:25-34)

What fears, worries, cares, or concerns do you tend to have about money? How do these affect your generosity (or lack thereof) with your money, time, and talents?

In what specific ways have you experienced God being generous in demonstrating his love for you, personally?

Describe a time when God was generous with you in each of the following areas (whether you knew in advance of the need or not).

• **Spiritually:** _____

• **Relationally:** _____

• **Circumstantially:** _____

• **Materially:** _____

A few verses before this passage, Jesus taught his disciples to pray "Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread." When you're anxious, what do you do instead of asking God to provide? How can you practice trusting His heart for you and talking to Him when you're anxious?

Additional passages to reflect on:

¹⁹ "Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves don't break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

(MATTHEW 6:19-21)

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ Who among you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him."

(MATTHEW 7:7-11)

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BECOMING A CHEERFUL GIVER

⁶ "The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work. ⁹ As it is written:

He distributed freely;

he gave to the poor;

his righteousness endures forever.

¹⁰ Now the one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will also provide and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for all generosity, which produces thanksgiving to God through us. ¹² For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the proof provided by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedient confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone. ¹⁴ And as they pray on your behalf, they will have deep affection for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

(2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15)

Are there specific lies I'm being told by Satan, my society, or myself about how to handle wealth that are trying to choke out what God wants to do in my life?

What gets in the way of me having a more generous heart?

What is easiest and what is hardest for me to be generous with – my time, money, relationships, something else?

EXPERIENCING CONTENTMENT

⁴ "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" ⁵ Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—dwell on these things. ⁹ Do what you have learned and received and heard from me, and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly because once again you renewed your care for me. You were, in fact, concerned about me but lacked the opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I don't say this out of need, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I find myself. ¹² I know how to make do with little, and I know how to make do with a lot. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being content—whether well fed or hungry, whether in abundance or in need. ¹³ I am able to do all things through him who strengthens me."

(PHILIPPIANS 4:4-13)

When have you experienced the deepest contentment in your life? What were the circumstances of your life at the time?

What do you typically look to for joy and contentment?

When have you experienced joy from being generous towards others?

What would enable you to experience deep contentment regardless of your life circumstances?

Additional passages to reflect on:

¹⁸ A ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁹ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not bear false witness; honor your father and mother."

²¹ "I have kept all these from my youth," he said.

²² When Jesus heard this, he told him, "You still lack one thing: Sell all you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²³ After he heard this, he became extremely sad, because he was very rich.

²⁴ Seeing that he became sad, Jesus said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!

²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ Those who heard this asked, "Then who can be saved?"

²⁷ He replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

²⁸ Then Peter said, "Look, we have left what we had and followed you."

²⁹ So he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left a house, wife or brothers or sisters, parents or children because of the kingdom of God, ³⁰ who will not receive many times more at this time, and eternal life in the age to come."

(LUKE 18:18-30)

BECOMING A GOOD STEWARD

¹⁴ *“For it is just like a man about to go on a journey. He called his own servants and entrusted his possessions to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another one talent, depending on each one’s ability. Then he went on a journey. Immediately ¹⁶ the man who had received five talents went, put them to work, and earned five more. ¹⁷ In the same way the man with two earned two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master’s money.*

¹⁹ *“After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five talents approached, presented five more talents, and said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I’ve earned five more talents.’*

²¹ *“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.’*

²² *“The man with two talents also approached. He said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I’ve earned two more talents.’*

²³ *“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.’*

²⁴ *“The man who had received one talent also approached and said, ‘Master, I know you. You’re a harsh man, reaping where you haven’t sown and gathering where you haven’t scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’*

²⁶ *“His master replied to him, ‘You evil, lazy servant! If you knew that I reap where I haven’t sown and gather where I haven’t scattered, ²⁷ then you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and I would have received my money back with interest when I returned.*

²⁸ *“So take the talent from him and give it to the one who has ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have more than enough. But from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”*

(MATTHEW 25:14-29)

Stewardship can be defined as “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care”.

What are some of the things God has entrusted you with?

How might God be calling you to steward what He’s given you to help give others a taste of what He’s given you through Hope?

What have been your main “takeaways” during the **Hope Overflowing** Initiative (from the sermon series, Community Group discussions, or this study guide)?

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COMMUNITY CHURCH