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Acts 1:8 reminds us that we are God's witnesses... in The Valley, Bay Area and to the ends of the earth. Last weekend 1700 of you became the hands and feet of Jesus in The Valley and beyond during SERVE DAY. Today we are asking you to pray big as we extend an invitation to give big.

Jesus uses the story of the good (but despised) Samaritan to teach us as followers of Jesus, how we are to love others. **READ Luke 10:25-37.** Who is my neighbor? Look again at verse 35. How do we love our neighbors? Take care of them first with our hands and feet...then give to them financially. Why?

Why should we do something to help hurting people?

- God gave so we can give to others.
- Whatever you give to the least of these, you give to Jesus Himself.

Did you see Jesus in the faces of the people you served last weekend? Do you have a story you can share?

We believe the church should be known for its generosity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does being generous bring joy to your life? Share an example of a time someone was generous to you and its impact.

2. **READ 1 John 3:17-18.** There's a phenomenon out there known as the Bystander effect (when you see something, but you don't do anything about it). When have you witnessed this happen? What is something you could take action on this week instead of waiting around hoping someone else will?

3. **READ Matthew 25:31-46.** When you stand before Christ someday, what do you imagine he'll say about how you've helped the least of these? How do these verses encourage you to serve people in need?

NEXT STEPS: Luke 10:37. Go and do likewise...

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Joy and generosity go hand in hand. Thank you for giving!

Additional verses from today's message

Acts 20:35 Romans 8:32 1 Timothy 6:17-19 2 Corinthians 9:11