

# GENIUS



## Genius of Generosity May 22, 2022

**Speaker:** Pastor Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** John 6:5, Hebrews 13:2

**Sermon Overview:** When you put what you have in your hand—five loaves and two fish—into the hands of God,  $5 + 2$  doesn't equal 7 anymore. Add God to the equation, and  $5 + 2 = 5000 R12$ .

### Sermon Series Questions:

1. **Discover your unique genius:** Everyone has strengths and weaknesses. What are your perceived disadvantages or weaknesses? What are your strengths and gifts?
2. **Develop your unique genius:** We can learn to leverage our weaknesses by partnering with God to cultivate compensatory skills. What compensatory skills do you feel God might be cultivating in you?
3. **Deploy your unique genius:** In what ways could your disadvantages be viewed as opportunities for your good and the good of others?

### Sermon Specific Questions:

1. When God blesses us, we become conduits of generosity to bless others. Who has blessed you with their generosity? How does their action inspire you to give to others?

2. What are practical ways you could be generous to bless others with your time, talent, and/or treasures?
3. Jesus was moved with compassion, to make people feel seen, heard, and loved. Think of the places you will go this week (grocery store, work, clinic, school). Who can you show hospitality to this week? Who needs to feel seen, heard, and loved?
4. As we examine the 4 Levels of Generosity: Give Spontaneously, Consistently, Proportionately, and Radically, into which level is God encouraging you to take a step?

## Digging Deeper:

- Write down Luke 6:38 and memorize it.
- What is a vision that God has given you that would require your action + His provision? Write the vision down and ask God what your next faith-filled action steps would be toward that vision.
- Use this prayer for the week as we lean into God's heartbeat to be generous.

**Prayer:** Lord, would you bless me with generous ears to hear the Holy Spirit, to see people who are hurting and in pain, to look past differences in others and see the value in those around me. To show generosity and hospitality to bless others and help them feel seen, heard and loved. Would you turn my generosity into someone else's miracle?

- Write this prayer and put it in a visible place in your home: Lord, help me take one step of generosity this week.

## Practical Application:

- Join the Generosity challenge at [ncc.re/generosity](http://ncc.re/generosity)
- Join a team at [ncc.re/serve](http://ncc.re/serve) to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Join our Main Upper Zoom online prayer group on Wednesdays and our new Upper Zoom Prayer Pods on other days. Main Upper Zoom: Wednesday mornings, 7:14am ET [ncc.re/upperzoom](http://ncc.re/upperzoom). Upper Zoom Prayer Pods meet at different times and days during the week. Go to [ncc.re/prayerpods](http://ncc.re/prayerpods) to sign up.