



**H-igh Generosity (Acts 11:27-30) – ANTIOCH 25th – October 23-24, 2021**

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**A-llowing Risks**

**N-umerous Life Changes**

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**C-hrist's Presence**

**H-igh Generosity**

(Acts 11:27-30)

**Pray God makes up the gap from \$20M to \$21.7M**

**What are some indicators of low generosity?**

- You give very little
- You give expecting things in return
- You give things you don't want
- You give if it doesn't cost you

## What does God say is high generosity?

- When God moves you to give regularly
- out of all your resources (time, talents, treasures)
- to high sacrifice and high faith

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich. **2 Corinthians 8:9 NKJV**

...For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required... **Luke 12:48 NKJV**

Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. **Mark 12:41 NKJV**

Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. **Mark 12:42 NKJV**

So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; **Mark 12:43 NKJV**

for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood." **Mark 12:44 NKJV**

## How did the church of Antioch model high generosity?

Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. **Acts 11:28 NKJV**

Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. **Acts 11:29 NKJV**

This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. **Acts 11:30 NKJV**

And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, **Acts 4:36 NKJV**

having land, sold *it*, and brought the money and laid *it* at the apostles' feet. **Acts 4:37 NKJV**

As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." **Acts 13:2 NKJV**

Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent *them* away. **Acts 13:3 NKJV**

## What if we begin to live with Jesus' high generosity?

## NURSERY

## GOD KEEPS US SAFE

NOAH'S ARK



We must learn to decide whether to merely follow our own desires or to live in a way that honors God. This month we will help our toddler see from the story of Noah that to choose fellowship with the God who loves them is far better.

**Memory Verse:** "God keeps us safe." Psalm 4:8 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Keeps Us Safe and Protects Our Families

**Parent Engagement:** Print off, draw, or cut out animal pictures from a magazine. Glue your pictures to a piece of paper to make a collage. Say: **Noah's family was safe on the ark. Animals were on the ark, too, and God kept them all safe.**

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## ISRAEL'S LATER KINGS

A FEW GOOD KINGS



After David and Solomon, Israel split into two parts and had a lot of kings. It was a dark time in Israel's history. Most of the kings in this time did not follow God. This month we will learn about a few of the good kings that loved God!

**Memory Verse:** "No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us." Romans 8:37

**Heart of the Lesson:** God answers prayer. - King Hezekiah Prays - 2 Kings 18-19, Isaiah 36-37

**Parent Engagement:** Today we learned about King Hezekiah praying for God to protect the people of Jerusalem. **We can pray to God any time, anywhere, and about anything. He loves to hear our prayers and God answers prayers!** Pray a big prayer together as a family.

## ELEMENTARY

**AntIOCH**

DISCOVERING OUR ANTIOCH VALUES



As Grace Church comes up on our 25th anniversary we will explore the 7 ANTIOCH values that Grace adopted from the church of Antioch. In this series, we will see how the Antiochian church lived these values out and how we can do the same in the church and in our lives.

**Memory Verse:** When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. Acts 11:23

**Heart of the Lesson:** What does the H in Antioch mean? - Acts 11:27-30, Mark 12:41-44

**Parent Engagement:** Read Mark 12:41-44. Generosity is more about our heart than what we do. Challenge your kids, what is something they can be generous about?

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# ANTIOCH SHERLOCK

THE MYSTERY OF THE ANTIOCH VALUES



What are the ANTIOCH values? What do they mean? And why are we learning about them? As we celebrate Grace's 25th anniversary as a whole church, our 5th and 6th graders will have the opportunity to embark on a mystery to discover the ANTIOCH values and how they fit into them. We will be starting our time in Large Group answering clues to discover what the value is for the week. Then, we will go into Small Group discussion to talk about what the value means and how it applies to their lives. We will gather back into Large Group to debrief together.

**Memory Verse:** When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. Acts 11:22-23

**Heart of the Lesson:** What does the H in Antioch mean? - Acts 11:27-30

**Parent Engagement:** What does it look like to be Highly Generous? What is something you can give? Start inviting people to join you in Church-Wide Serve Day on November 21st!