**THE FORWARD PROJECT**

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**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, what stood out to you or challenged you?
2. Read the sermon’s key passage: **Luke 8:1-3**. Why do you think Jesus did not miraculously provide the financing for his own ministry needs?
3. Pastor Derek said, “Generosity has always fueled Jesus’ mission.” What was Jesus’ mission? What was “the good news of the kingdom of God” that Jesus proclaimed as he traveled from one town and village to another?
4. Read **Luke 4:40-44**. In what ways are we like the people who tried to keep Jesus from leaving them?
5. How does the farming principle described in **2 Corinthians 9:6** apply to us at Grace Church in northwestern Pennsylvania?
6. Read **2 Corinthians 9:10-12**. Describe a time when you personally experienced-- or witnessed -- generosity that resulted in thanksgiving to God.
7. We probably have all heard the saying, “You can’t out-give God.” What is the “indescribable gift” Paul says that God gave in **2 Corinthians 9:15.**
8. Read **1 Timothy 6:17-19**. Paul reminds us that as followers of Jesus, our hope is in God, not in wealth. What does Paul mean by saying that when we are generous and willing to share, we are laying up treasure for ourselves in heaven?
9. Outward Focus is one of the five core values of Grace Church.

***The stakes are high. Our hearts will beat fast, our hands will be busy,***

***and our wallets will be open for those who are far from God.***

What *are* the stakes which are so high that hearts beat fast, hands are busy, and wallets are open?

1. Application:

* How do you think it would feel to be a radically generous giver to God?

**Prayer Thought:** Praise God that he gives us all that we need at all times. Ask God to change us more than we might even imagine, by his power at work within us, so that we are radically generous followers of Jesus Christ.

**Verse to Remember:** “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” **John 3:16**