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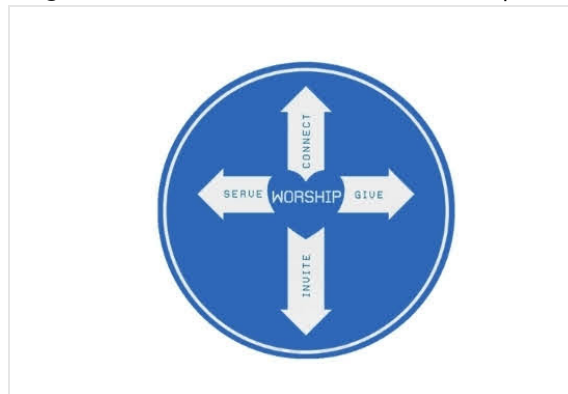
THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE

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RECAP:

This year at TC we are observing Lent. This is the season in the church calendar in which we embrace the gift of repentance. This season of repentance prepares us for Easter (Resurrection Sunday). It is an invitation to turn away from sin and turn towards the love and grace of Jesus.

This week, we focus our attention on turning away from greed and towards generosity. At TC we talk often about the 5 characteristics of a Transformer: worship, connect, serve, give, and invite. The characteristic of “give” flows out of a heart of worship.



Because Jesus has been so generous with us, we can be generous with others. Our generosity is an overflow of His generosity. Take a moment to reflect on the ways you have experienced God’s generosity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Read Mark 7:14-23. In these verses Jesus is explaining to His disciples how it’s not what is outside of the body that defiles us, but what is inside. This is why it’s important that our generosity flows from a heart of worship. What has been your experience with giving and generosity in the church setting? What were you taught about money and finances growing up?
- Have you ever struggled with greed or a scarcity mentality? This is an experience that many have gone through. If this has been a struggle for you, share where those

feelings come from. Perhaps it is rooted in fear or lack of trust in God's provision. Pray for one another to go from a scarcity mindset to a generous mindset.

- Read 2 Corinthians 8:7-9. How did Jesus display generosity? How is generosity a display of genuine love? What is meant by the word "rich" in verse 9?
- Pastor Derwin shared a biblical priority of spending:
 - Generosity
 - Taxes
 - Debt payments
 - Savings
 - Living expenses
- Does this priority of spending reflect your actual spending habits? What changes do you need to make to align more with a biblical priority for spending?
- If you would like more information on creating a spending plan or financial stewardship, reach out to our Care Team Care@transformationchurch.tc. We also have finance resources on our website: <https://transformationchurch.tc/resources/finance/>