



**Static – Be Generous with the Gospel
Sermon Discussion Questions – Nov. 27**

Scripture Passages:

John 1:43-46

“The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, ‘We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.’” ‘Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?’ Nathanael asked. ‘Come and see,’ said Philip.”

John 3:16

“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 13:34-35

“I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.”

John 1:47-51

“When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, ‘Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.’ ‘How do you know me?’ Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, ‘I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.’” “Nathanael answered Him, ‘Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You

are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these.’ And He said to him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.’”

John 15:11-12

Jesus tells us a little bit about joy, he says, “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Warm Up:

1. Wrapping up the Thanksgiving holiday this weekend. Growing up for me there was always a time while eating our meal together we would begin saying things we are grateful for. Take a moment to reflect on this past year. What things are you grateful for from this past year?

Discussion:

1. Pastor Tori begins by explaining she had a hard time sharing with her siblings when she was growing up. What has your experience been like with sharing with others growing up? What funny stories can you remember that is similar to this situation?
2. Pastor Tori explains how we are to be generous with the gospel and the impact this would have if we shamelessly shared the gospel with everyone we interacted with. How might the world be different if we were generous with the Gospel?
3. Read John 1:43-46. Philip had experience and interacted with the Messiah he grew up hearing about and he was even called to follow Jesus! Philip couldn't just hold this interaction in rather he went to his friend Nathanael to come and see. Have you ever had an interaction or experience with Jesus that you couldn't help but share it with someone else?
4. Read 13:34-35. We are called to love others in the way Jesus has loved us in this passage. What things make this hard? How has the power of love led to greater unity in your life?
5. “Loving people the way Jesus did is always great theology”-Bob Goff. What is your initial reaction to this quote? What might it look like to love others the way Jesus did?
6. Excerpt from Pastor Tori's message: “You know when you'd take a test in school and you would have no clue what the answer was so you'd just pick “D” all of the above - the Gospel is an “all of the above” type of answer. It's not a multiple choice, it's not only A or C, it's everyone, all the time, whether we have time for them or not. Whether we like them or not, whether we want to

spend eternity with them or not - let that one sink in...we all have those people we've probably thought "I have to spend eternity with them?" Yes you do! Why? Because, the Gospel is for everyone, at all times."

Are there a couple of people that came to mind when reading this quote? If we used the Gospel as our lens to see these people, how does this change how we interact with these people?

7. Read John 15:11-12. When we begin to love others, we begin to experience joy. How have you been more joyful when loving others?
8. Read John 1:47-51. Nathanael ends up following Jesus all from Philip telling him to come and see. Who around you might you tell to come and see?

Next Steps:

1. Take a moment to remember what the Gospel is. (The good news of what God has done through the person and work of Jesus Christ, especially what he accomplished through his death, burial, and resurrection.)
2. Now take a few moments reflecting about how the Gospel has transformed your life.
3. Then think about a few people in your life who might need to hear and experience the Gospel.
4. Finally, think through some ways you can share the gospel with each person you interact with.